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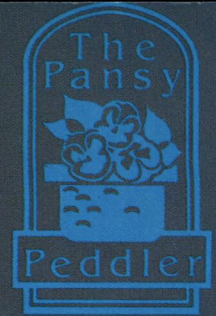
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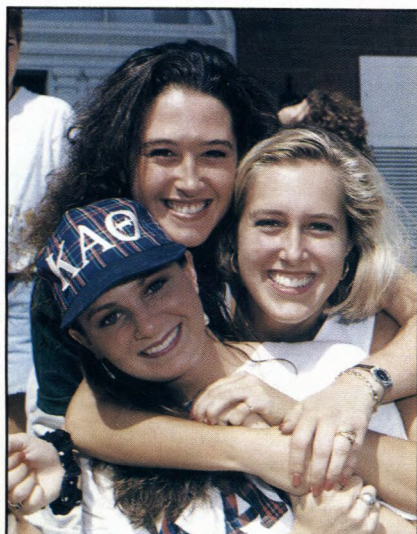
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## OVER THE DESKTOP

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## Trust Your Instincts

Trust your instincts. How many times have you been told that? What does it mean? Some call it following your intuition. Others say it means listening to the voice inside you, or that of a higher power. The dictionary defines instinct as "a way of acting, feeling that is natural from birth."

But trusting instincts seems to be easier for some than others. And the longer you've lived, the more opportunities you've had to try them out and learn to trust.

College is a key time for learning to trust your instincts: first time away from home, new friends, new freedoms, new pressure. College years are also those when women are particularly vulnerable to developing eating disorders. No coincidence there.

Listening to that inner voice can sometimes be a matter of health — sometimes even life and death. Those most likely to develop eating disorders seem to be more focused on the outside person than the inside. And our instincts come from the inner person. Eating disorders, which continue to be a tremendous problem for many young women, are a complex problem that we explore in "The Measure of a Woman: Sizing Up Eating Disorders" on page 20.

Sculptor Glenna Goodacre (PROFILE, page 45) is a good example of a woman who is not afraid to follow her instincts despite challenges and controversy. And in this issue's COLLEGE REPORT (page 29), many young women wrote that

an important part of their sisterhood is respect and support for the individual within the diversity of their memberships.

Parents can give their children a good start toward trusting their instincts. They can help them feel good about their abilities by allowing them to make age-appropriate decisions. They can focus less on appearance and more on the innate goodness of each child. They can offer unconditional acceptance. Society can help by encouraging diversity in its definition of beauty and by focusing on more than outer appearances. Theta can help too: by helping young women learn to make healthy decisions; by providing them with information, role models and the support of sisterhood. Theta can help women realize their potential as they themselves see it, not as others see it.

I received a bit of very simple, but meaningful advice a few years ago: "Focus on the process, not the product." If we can just live — work, play, learn, love — as we believe we should and to the best of our abilities, without constantly judging ourselves or others, we can accomplish much.

Trust your instincts.

Loyally,

**Susan Holloway**  
Editor

## Fraternity Seeks Director of Communications

The Fraternity is looking for a member to fill the staff position of Director of Communications in Indianapolis. This person should have a degree in communications or extensive experience in writing and developing communication materials. Management experience including budgetary responsibility is also required. Public relations experience and broad Fraternity background is desired. For more information, call 1-800-526-1870.

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## LETTERS

### "Badge of Inspiration" Inspires Responses

I was so excited to read your article, "Badge of Inspiration," in the Autumn edition of the Theta magazine! This article was of special interest to me because we here at Beta Xi have a badge that is truly unique. It is passed down to each president while she holds office, much like the scenario you detailed at the Alpha Chi Chapter. Perhaps it may even be our chapter, not Alpha Chi, that this tale is about...

**Traci Hunting**  
President, Beta Xi/UCLA

Having just read your beautiful article in the Autumn '93 issue about our Theta badges, I wondered if, by any chance, mine has been sent into you or to some other Theta group. I lost it after 40-plus years when I was president of the Honolulu Alumnae Club. Engraved on the back was Ruth McKinney, of Gamma deuterion, Ohio Wesleyan. I received it in 1938. Just hoping! P.S. Great new format!

**Ruth McKinney Isaak**  
Gamma deuterion/Ohio Wesleyan

*Editor's note: If you have any information about Mrs. Isaak's badge, please contact Kappa Alpha Theta at 1-800-KAO-1870.*

### Theta Addresses Future

Just a brief note to say congratulations on a fine article! ("Beyond 2000: Illuminating a Vision for Greeks," Autumn 1993) It is much more in depth than I expected, and you certainly did your homework! I will be interested to hear what feedback you get. Please let me know...I also think it compliments Kappa Alpha Theta to take on the subject and be, as I said in your article, a pacesetter in addressing the future as well as problems within the current system...

**Dr. Larry Lunsford**  
Director of Student Activities  
Florida International

### Praise for Profiles

Thanks so much for sending copies of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*...I started getting letters and phone calls from Theta friends a couple of weeks before I received one. By then, I was dying to see the article that engendered all that comment! ("Jeri Taylor, Trek Exec" Autumn 1993)

When I read what you'd written, I could understand it...I've had several articles written about me before this, but this is far and away the best. I congratulate you on a terrific job, and thank you for presenting me in such a wonderfully favorable way. I'm going to make it required reading for my staff, so they'll see how articulate I *really* am!

**Jeri Taylor**  
Executive Producer  
Star Trek: The Next Generation

I don't know when any article — except for ones I've published — has pleased me more. ("Anita Silvey: By the Book" Summer 1993) Not only are you a good interviewer, you are also good at distilling the essence of an interview. Thank you for writing such a fine piece...

**Anita Silvey**  
Editor in Chief  
*The Horn Book Magazine*

I want to commend you on the superb cover story on Amy Grant ("Harmony from the Heart" Summer 1993). How fortunate Kappa Alpha Theta is to have such an excellent role model for our young people. Keep up the good work!

**E. Kay Swaim**  
Beta Omicron/Iowa

### Correction

The treasurer of Delta Chi House Corporation ("Delta Chi Makes Theta More Accessible" ISSUES, Autumn 1993) is Jane Yancey, not Jancy. We regret the error.

### Matters of Opinion

I was horrified when I read in the Autumn 1993 issue that Kappa Alpha Theta representatives were among those attending a Campus Crusade for Christ conference, in the name of "leadership development with a spiritual focus." (SNAPSHOTS Autumn 1993)

That Theta would participate in such an organization's activities — and trumpet that participation in its national magazine — is indefensible. Members of Theta, both collegians and alumnae, represent a broad range of political beliefs, ethnic cultures and religions. Campus Crusade for Christ and other extremist organizations like it, on the other hand, are distinctly anti-democratic and anti-pluralistic. To suggest that Theta implicitly approves of or encourages the expansion of any one religion or political opinion is totally unacceptable.

**Mona V. Miller**  
Alpha Phi/Newcomb-Tulane

I have long been proud to be associated with such a forward-thinking organization as Kappa Alpha Theta. I never expected to find myself "bashed" in one of Theta's own publications, yet that is exactly what happened in the Summer 1993 Letters section, where Mary Kay Fordney wrote to criticize the Spring 1993 article "Perfect School." (ALUMNAE REPORT) In her letter, Ms. Fordney equates Christian homeschoolers, such as myself, with intolerance. She further criticizes white, religious, political conservatives as a stereotype whose accomplishments should not be highlighted.

I must ask why, if tolerance and diversity are the values Ms. Fordney esteems, does she find it reasonable to be intolerant of white, religious, politically conservative homeschoolers?... If diversity is to be promoted, then all points of view must be a part of that diversity. The politics of inclusion includes us, too.

**Jenifer Amling Wrigley**  
Delta Xi/North Carolina



## Alumnae Legislation Proposed for 1994 Convention

Next June, Thetas will gather in Scottsdale to "Share the Adventure" of Kappa Alpha Theta's 61st Grand Convention. Convention is truly an adventure, as Thetas from all over the United States and Canada gather to learn, to share and to celebrate sisterhood.

But it is also an adventure because it charts Theta's future course. The voting delegates elect the Grand Council, approve or disapprove legislative amendments to the *Constitution and Bylaws*, and conduct whatever other business may come before this governing body.

Proposed legislation is distributed to the membership at least eight weeks before Convention, but we have the opportunity to discuss and vote upon it together, as a governing body, for only a few hours. Occasionally there are controversial issues for which members need more time to express their views and to hear others. Kappa Alpha Theta is interested in your perspective on the following proposed legislation, which has emanated from the Alumnae Committee, for the 1994 Grand Convention:

1. **To reduce the number of meetings required of an alumnae chapter annually from six to four:** This is a response to the time pressures facing women and organizations today. Because alumnae chapters are trying to appeal to the various ages, interests and needs of their membership, many chapters have established sub-groups, which meet in addition to general membership meetings. This creates additional scheduling and attendance difficulties.
2. **To require that a portion (no amount specified) of an alumnae chapter's annual donation to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation be unrestricted:** Chapters are required to make an annual donation to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation, and for years the Foundation has meant only scholarships to some alumnae chapters. Many groups automatically direct their funds to specific scholarships estab-

lished in a member's name. In recent years, however, the Foundation has expanded its activities to encompass such programs as LeaderShape, *Talking About Alcohol* (TAA), the chapter consultant program and Theta's international philanthropy, CASA. These worthwhile educational programs require funding, which is not available if alumnae gifts all go to scholarships. Increasing unrestricted donations would give the Foundation Trustees the latitude to direct money to programs which are in greatest need.

3. **To set out specific steps for the disestablishment of alumnae chapters and clubs and for the disbursement of treasury funds:** This is a simple, but specific description of the steps an alumnae chapter or club must take to disestablish and to disburse any remaining funds. In our *Bylaws*, pages are devoted to the disestablishment of a college chapter, but very little to the disestablishment of an alumnae chapter and there are no guidelines for club disestablishment. This legislation is proposed to avoid the occurrence of one or two members taking it upon themselves to make decisions, which may be perfectly legal, but just not reflective of the desires of the entire membership.

In addition to the above items, it seems to me that Convention is the perfect time to present new ideas, discuss future directions, and to hear members' concerns, needs and views.

Following are several topics, which are not included in the 1994 Convention legislation, but may merit discussion for possible future legislation:

- \* Allowing alumnae clubs to have a vote at Convention, if they send a delegate at their expense

- \* Deleting the requirement of inadequate support for college chapters in the election of alumnae to membership

- \* Allowing alumnae and college chapters, as well as Grand Council, to elect alumnae to membership

It is the intent of Council that at the 1994 Convention there will be a time for an "Open Mike" session: an opportunity for those attending to voice their concerns and opinions.

As Vice-President Alumnae, I invite your comments on these items. We want to represent the opinions of our members and to respond to your needs.

Loyally in Theta,

**Kathy Tonkel**  
Vice-President Alumnae

### Your Perspective

1. Do you think the number of meetings required of an alumnae chapter should be reduced from six to four?
2. In your opinion, should a portion of an alumnae chapter's annual donation to the Foundation be required to be unrestricted?
3. Should specific guidelines be adopted for the disestablishment of alumnae chapters and clubs and for the disbursement of treasury funds?

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Please mail your responses and form to: Kathy Tonkel, Vice-President Alumnae, Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268 \* For more information or to volunteer for Kappa Alpha Theta, call 1-800-KAO-1870



## Readers Share Perspectives

In the last issue of the *Magazine*, two new departments were introduced: "Perspective" and "Issues." The two are designed to keep you, Theta members, better informed about topics important to the Fraternity, to provide you with a Fraternity perspective and, finally, to give you an opportunity to respond with your opinions.

Nearly 50 Thetas responded to Kappa Alpha Theta President Carryl Krohne's inaugural perspective on Fraternity policy and legislation. Many of you expressed pleasure at the opportunity to be heard and took time to write thoughtful, intelligent letters. Thank you for the terrific response. Please continue to read and share your perspective with Kappa Alpha Theta.

### Following are the results of the Autumn 1993 "Perspective":

**1. About two thirds of those who responded, said the vote of college delegates at Grand Convention should remain in a ratio of two-to-one to the total vote of alumnae delegates.** The primary reason given for maintaining that ratio: Theta is a college-based organization and most legislation pertains to the college chapters. One Theta wrote that we should remember, "...Our founders felt the need to create a haven for themselves as collegians, not as mature adult women."

Those who disagreed believe that the vote weighted in favor of collegians is inappropriate as alumnae outnumber collegians ten to one, and that more alumnae involvement should be encouraged.

**2. The vast majority of respondents said, no, that women who have not had the Theta college experience should not be initiated at the alumnae level.** Most who responded in this manner said they feel the college experience is key to developing a strong, shared lifetime loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta and that many professional or community organizations are available to others. One member ex-

pressed concern that those initiated as alumnae would not be qualified to advise or support collegians because they would not have the college Theta experience.

On the other hand, many of the 16 percent who thought more women should be initiated as alumnae, agreed with one respondent who wrote: "If college numbers are declining for all Greeks and if the system is in jeopardy, it seems we should seriously consider initiating alumnae who meet our high standards and who have some history of volunteer involvement. Our first goal should be to perpetuate the organization as a fraternity for women."

**3. Respondents were nearly equally divided in their opinions of the current reference system.** Forty-five percent said collegians should not be allowed to write references for prospective members. A number noted that collegians already have the power to choose their own members. Some wrote that college-age women should be allowed to write letters, but not to recommend.

Of the 55 percent who replied that collegians should be able to write references, a number said that alumnae are writing references for more college women whom they do not really know. One member wrote: "It (the reference system) assumes our Theta alumnae have widespread knowledge of college bound women in our communities and we no longer do." Many agreed with the view of a collegian who wrote: "Thetas at the college level are acutely aware of the quality of women which the Fraternity seeks...Allowing collegiate members to write references is a logical change that must be made if the reference system is to be improved so that it may survive." Others suggested that the system ought not be allowed to survive, but be eliminated entirely.

**4. Ninety percent of those who replied thought the Friendship Fund should be transferred to the Foundation and that the Fraternity should be empowered to hold funds for disestablished chapters only for a limited period of time.** Many accurately noted that an important reason for transferring the Friendship Fund to the Foundation is to make it possible for donations to the Fund to be tax-deductible.

**5. Half of those who responded with their perspectives, voiced concerns about the effectiveness of the new Member Orientation program as the basis for a strong, lifetime Theta experience.** The primary concern expressed is that four weeks is not long enough for women to become well-acquainted with Kappa Alpha Theta, to make a decision about a lifelong commitment to Theta or to build unity among the new members. One recent graduate wrote, "I know this system is supposed to promote chapter unity and fraternity education, but I do not know if these young members are ready to uphold the ideals and their own grades." An alumna wrote, "In the fast paced, instant gratification kind of world we live in, there are some decisions that still deserve our careful consideration."

Most who expressed concern with the program wrote that they believe the program would be more effective if lengthened. Other concerns that were noted are a lack of incentive for maintaining high grades and that the program should include all members.

Of the other half of the respondents, 35 percent think the program is working well. One alumna wrote, "This is a concept in tune with the times, recognizing women's abilities and potential to maximize their Theta college experience while deleting traditions which demean the individual." Many agreed with a Theta who thought the "...focus should be on continuing member education." The 15 percent who voiced no opinion desired more information in order to make an accurate assessment.

There were many ideas about how to improve Theta membership, some of which will be included in upcoming issues. Responses will be given attention by Kappa Alpha Theta Council and other officers.





## SNAPSHOTS

# Portraits



**Dr. Lane Longino Waas, Gamma Delta/Georgia, "Imagine That!"**

(order book from Jalmar Press, 45 Hitching Post Drive, Building 2, Rolling

Hills Estates, CA 90274) The author, who has degrees in art education, visual arts, early childhood and teacher education, tells how imagery may be used as a part of education to develop seven different intelligences: logical-mathematical, verbal-linguistic, musical, visual-spatial, bodily-kinesthetic, interpersonal and intrapersonal.

**Erin Foley**, Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan, was named to the GTE Academic All-District 4 at-large team. Foley is a junior on the Battling Bishop field hockey team. She is ranked second on the team and eighth in the North Coast Athletic Conference in scoring and helped Ohio Wesleyan win the NCAC championship six years in a row. Foley is an English and education major and maintains a grade point average of 3.74.

**Alpha Iota collegian Allison Remsen** spent most of the 1992 fall semester assisting Bill Clinton's St. Louis campaign office. She then spent the summer working in Washington D.C. as one of Vice President Al Gore's aides.

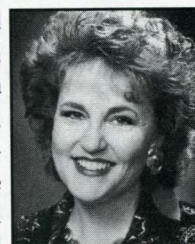
**The Richter Memorial Trusts at Hanover College** funded two Nu Chapter seniors, **Claudia Durik** and **Mary Corressell** to spend a week in Ireland studying the countries churches.

### **The Spring 1993 edition of the *Journal of the Southwest* featured the writing of Theta author Courtney Reeder Jones, Rho/Nebraska.**

The long-time resident of Santa Fe tells the story, through diary entries and letters, of the years from 1938 to 1949 when she lived and worked at Arizona's Wupatki National Monument with her husband. The 800-year-old ruin in which they lived was known as the Oldest Inhabited House in the United States and was included in "Ripley's Believe It or Not." Jones' letters and photos will be featured in a book in progress, "Letters from Wupatki, by her friend and collaborator Lisa Rappoport.

**Marcia Welsh**, Beta Gamma/Colorado State, has been elected by her peers as the chairman of Columbia University's Faculty Senate. She is the first woman ever to hold this position. Welsh, a developmental biology and anatomy professor, is researching a hormone-producing gland and its relationship to the brain. Welsh has served on the Senate since 1983 and also serves as Panhellenic and faculty adviser for Zeta Kappa Chapter.

**Look for a second novel from GERALYN DAWSON, Gamma Psi/Texas Christian,** to be published in December. "**Capture the Night**" (Bantam Books) is a historical



romance, which takes place in England and Texas. Dawson is contracted for two more novels for Bantam.

**Gamma Omega/Auburn University members Rosemary Ginn, Victoria Martin, and Susan Mays** were recently inducted into the Cater Society, which recognizes "an individual's leadership qualities and outstanding contributions to Auburn University." Ginn is a charter member of the society. Martin broke a 137-year tradition by being elected the first woman president of the College of Agriculture, and Mays is president of the society.

**Debbie Mitchell Price, Beta Sigma/SMU**, was named executive editor of The Fort Worth Star-Telegram last June. Price, a 1979 Kappa Alpha Theta Founder's Memorial Scholarship recipient, became the first woman and youngest journalist ever to assume this position on the newspaper. She is married to Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Larry Price, who oversees the newspaper's graphics department.

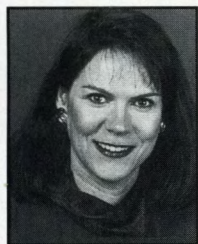
**Gamma Epsilon/Western Ontario alumna Jennifer St. Louis** was awarded the University of Western Ontario Gold Medal for graduating with the highest grade point average in her degree program.





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**Alpha Gamma/Ohio State collegian Amira Aila-bouni** was appointed to the Ohio State University Board of Trustees in June. This high honor will enable Ailabouni to serve as a trustee for two years as an undergraduate student member. One of her interests lies in campus safety and ensuring that budget cuts don't include safety programs for students. Alabouni works as a unit clerk at the Children's Hospital and is community service coordinator for the Women's Panhellenic Association. She is fluent in Arabic and has helped Arabic-speaking immigrants learn the English language and assimilate into United States culture. She served as an intern for a state representative and tutors elementary school children.



**Susan Ehrman, Gamma Iota/Kentucky**, was appointed vice president of Human Resources at The San Antonio Express-News last April. She will head the manage-

ment of the newspaper's 1,100 employees. Ehrman has gained national recognition by speaking about human resources at press association meetings. She has served Kappa Alpha Theta as both a college and alumnae chapter president.

**Ruth Siple, Mu/Allegheny**, visited New Zealand last summer to help rededicate a monument to Admiral Richard E. Byrd, a colleague of her husband. Siple's husband, Paul A. Siple, was a renowned explorer of Antarctica. Although she never accompanied her husband, Siple visited the Antarctic for the first time in 1975 and is now embarking on her own journeys. Siple is honorary president and newsletter editor of the Antarctic Society, a national educational and cultural organization.



**Marcia Chellis, Tau/Northwestern**, "**Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives**" (Viking/Penguin). Chellis profiles eight women who have overcome dev-

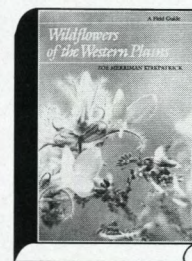
astating life experiences and gone on to be mentors to other women in similar circumstances. In her book, Chellis introduces a ground-breaking, five-step process for self-empowerment to help women face challenges.

**In June, Robin Wagner Jones, Beta Phi/Penn State**, was named director of legislative affairs in the Office of Governmental Affairs. She will serve as a liaison between the University and the federal government. Jones has an extensive background in legislative work, including her most recent position as legislative representative and deputy director of legislative affairs for Group Health Association of America, Inc.

**Kathleen Corbin Radebaugh**, Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan, was appointed to the Board of Trustees for Medical College of Ohio at Toledo in August. Radebaugh is vice president of marketing for the Ohio Bank in Findlay. She also serves as a member of the board of trustees of the Ohio Alliance for Health and the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Board.

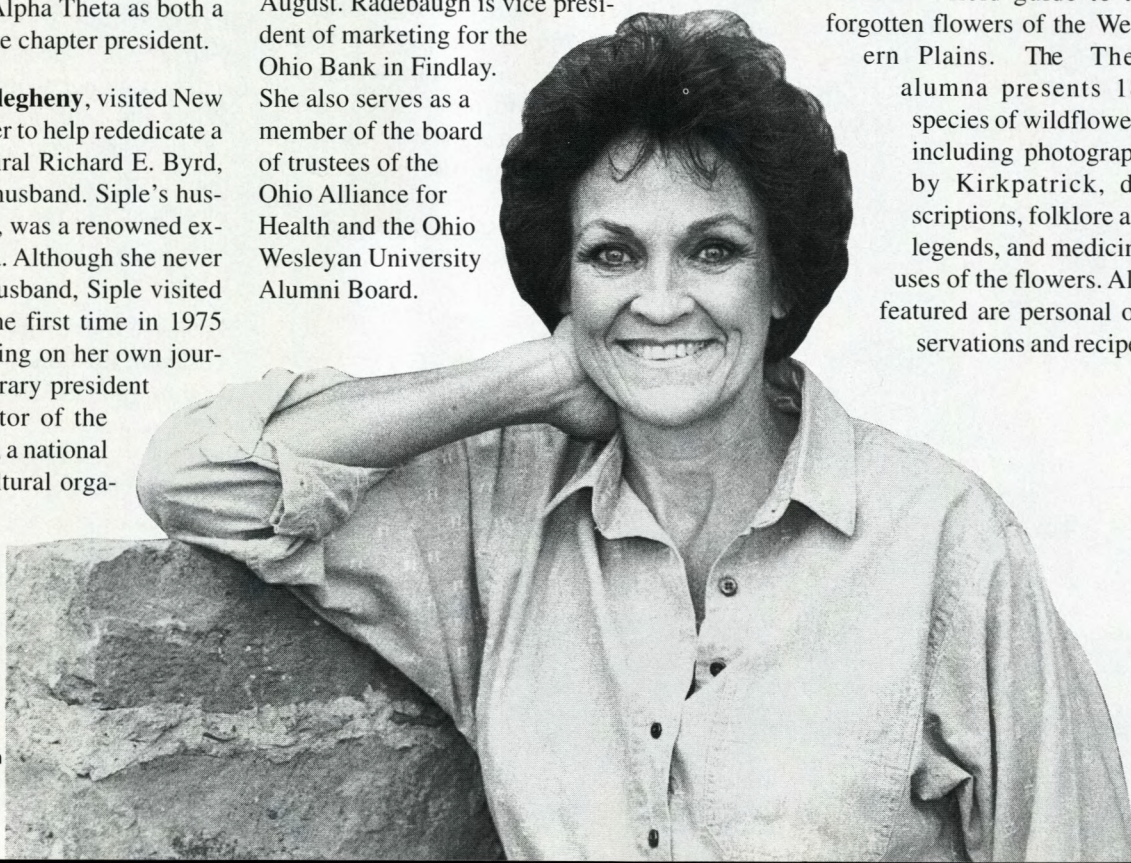
**Raymond Cree Middle School in Palm Springs, Calif. selected Courtney Penfield**, Beta Iota/Colorado, as Teacher of the Month for May. She was honored for her "Clarkfield" at Raymond Cree, as well as many other accomplishments on school committees and in the community.

"Clarkfield" is a micro society, which functions as a city within the classroom. Sixth-graders assume roles in the society, including bankers, construction workers, unemployed citizens, and an elected city council. The students deal with issues such as unemployment, and starting new businesses. A grant from Southern California Edison will help continue the program which has been featured on local television and in the local newspaper.



**Zoe Merriman Kirkpatrick, Gamma Phi/Texas Tech**, "**Wildflowers of the Western Plains**" (University of Texas Press). A field guide to the

forgotten flowers of the Western Plains. The Theta alumna presents 186 species of wildflowers, including photographs by Kirkpatrick, descriptions, folklore and legends, and medicinal uses of the flowers. Also featured are personal observations and recipes.







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Thetas and This Little Light members clown around at the organization's benefit for Children's Hospital Los Angeles last June, from left: founder Ranlyn Hill, Beta Xi/UCLA; Jennifer Minchin, Jennifer Angeloff, Omicron/USC; Danielle Hardy, and Anita Marie Hill, Beta Xi/UCLA.

**This Little Light** members gathered at the organization's second annual Carousel fund raiser in June at the Santa Monica Pier. Monies raised support the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Unit of Children's Hospital Los Angeles. **Beta Xi/UCLA alumna Ranlyn Hill** formed This Little Light in 1992 in memory of her brother who was treated at the hospital. The group includes 46 young professionals who raise funds, increase awareness and donate time to the hospital.

**Amber Matthews**, Delta Omega/Texas A&M, was one of 14 people to win the Texas Lottery in April. She will receive \$3.5 million of the \$50 million jackpot over the next 20 years.

**Two Theta collegians met** recently while working in Washington, D.C. as student interns for the Office of Public Liaison at the U.S. Information Agency. **Tenley Harrison, Epsilon Tau/Yale**, and **Allison Good, Zeta Zeta/Colgate** (pictured below) were selected as the only interns for the agency, to assist with public affairs and media relations. The two women hope to unite the Yale and Colgate memberships.



Alpha/DePauw alumna Janet Teetor Loring, left, and Gamma Phi/Texas Tech alumna Francis A. Christmann serve as officers of the National Federation of Music Clubs, which has been dedicated to music education and the promotion of the creative and performing arts since 1898.

Following the death of Theta alumna **Helen Irwin Lebens**, Alpha Iota/Washington-St. Louis, an award was created in her honor to symbolize the special bond of Theta as well as Lebens' devotion to Theta throughout her lifetime. Her daughter **Jane Lebens**, Epsilon Psi/Richmond, and Helen's husband purchased a kite charm with gold chain to present to recipients. Criteria for the award are modeled after Lebens' Greek name, Electra, which means "devoted sister with high sense of humor."

**Two of the four vice presidents of the National Federation of Music Clubs are Thetas.** Texas alumna **Janet Teetor Loring**, Alpha/DePauw, and **Francis A. Christmann**, Gamma Phi/Texas Tech, were installed as officers of the organization at its Biennial Convention in Buffalo, N.Y. last April. The National Federation of Music Clubs, which has more than 500,000 members, is one of three music organizations chartered by the United States Congress and has official representation at the United Nations.

**At its annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, the International Trademark Association elected Leslie J. Lott**, Delta Theta/Florida, to its Board of Directors. Lott is a founding partner at Leslie J. Lott & Associates in Coral Gables, Fla. She has practiced as a trademark examiner with the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a number of years. Lott also is a member of the Patent Law Association of South Florida and serves as chairperson of the Intellectual Property Law Committee of the Florida Bar.

**Syracuse University recognized Sherri A. Taylor**, Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor, with the fourth annual Vice President's Teacher of the Year Award. Taylor is an assistant professor of graphic arts at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. She received the award for her "enthusiasm for graphic design and her unselfish approach to teaching." Taylor also serves as advisory board chairman for Chi Chapter.







## SNAPSHOTS

# Composites



Members of the Butte-Anaconda Alumnae Club gathered at a dinner to honor special long-time Theta alumnae, from left, Kathryn Ulrich, Alpha Sigma/Washington State, Katherine Felt, Alpha Sigma/Washington State and Alice Renouard, Alpha Nu/Montana. The women were presented with pansy wreaths for their dedication and devotion to Theta since the 1920s and '30s.



Members of Upsilon Chapter attended the Twin Cities Alumnae Panhellenic Association Scholarship Recognition Banquet on April 10 where two of the three scholarships were awarded to chapter members Stacey Drentlaw and Becky Buchman.



Among those attending Epsilon Mu Chapter's 10th Anniversary at Princeton were six members of the class of 1990, from left: Solange Brown, Danielle Antin-Ozerkis, Mary Strother, Georgie Boge, Lucinda Robb and Heather Gordon.

**Alpha Rho Chapter** came in first place in the University of South Dakota's Strollers competition. Their production also won recognition for the best backdrop and best band. The competition included a parody of many '50s movies and television programs such as *Grease*, *American Graffiti*, and *Happy Days*. Unknown to the audience, several members of the Theta cast also played male parts.

**One representative from each of Theta's college chapters** was invited to attend the LeaderShape Institute in Monticello, Ill. last summer. This participation, funded by the Kappa Alpha Theta

Foundation, provides the women with opportunities to learn new insights into building more effective teams and improving relationships. The Institute is "designed to develop young adults to lead with integrity."

**Delta Omega Chapter at Texas A&M University** recently held its eighth annual 5K run/1.5 mile walk. More than 640 runners and walkers participated to raise money for Phoebe's Home, a local shelter for abused women and children, and for CASA. **Wendy Ramirez**, Delta Omega member, won first place in the women's running division.

**Epsilon Mu Chapter** is celebrating its tenth year on the Princeton University campus. A weekend-long anniversary celebration last February featured activities that included initiations, an alumnae-collegian reception, alumnae dinner, an open house and the chapter's annual formal. In March, the chapter celebrated its ten-year birthday, and the celebration concluded in June at Princeton's Annual Reunions. Kappa Alpha Theta was the first National Panhellenic Conference group to charter a chapter at Princeton.

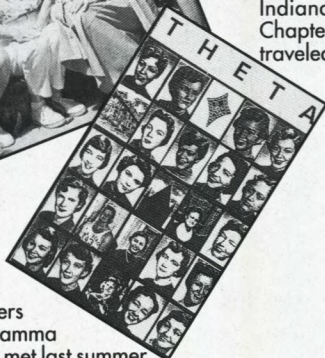
**At the University of Iowa's Annual Greek Week Scholarship, Leadership, and Service Banquet**, held last year the **Beta Omicron Chapter** received the Most Outstanding New Member Program Award. The chapter implemented Kappa Alpha Theta's member orientation program, *Not For Ourselves Alone*, including their chapter's own materials, for a very successful eight-week program.



# Scrapbook



Sixteen members of the 1956 Gamma Pi pledge class met last summer for their first-ever reunion. The group concluded their reunion by playing Gamma Pi Theta bingo, using cards made with the college portraits of those attending.



**Members of the New York City Alumnae Chapter** are proud to recognize the chapter's 100th anniversary. A celebration is planned for Founders Day, 1994 with special guest speaker former Secretary of Commerce Barbara Franklin, Beta Phi/Penn State chapter. For more information, contact Connie Venable: 434 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022 (212) 838-1397. An extensive history of the chapter is also being compiled. If you have any memorabilia, photos, stories, anecdotes or information of any kind, please contact or mail items to Cathy Pennington: 17 Carroll Place, Staten Island, NY 10301 (718) 442-2485.

**The Evansville Alumnae Chapter** in Evansville, Ind. held a spring social with Delta Gamma last May. Collegians as well as alumnae of both organizations were invited to attend the dinner, held at the home of alumna **Karen Magan**.



Indianapolis hosted a reunion of the Gamma/Butler Chapter pledge class of 1958 in June. Eleven members traveled from as far as California to reunite.

**The Seattle Alumnae Chapter Way Out Thetas** group gathered last May to tour the Washington Historical Museum in Tacoma, Wash. Five members of the group were given an intriguing look at the beauty and splendor of the Pacific Northwest's history and people. After the tour, the group met on the top floor, overlooking Tacoma's Commencement Bay, for lunch and a business meeting.

**In July, 16 members of the 1963 pledge class of Gamma Pi Chapter** gathered for their 30th reunion in the California Napa Valley. The women enjoyed four days of biking among the vineyards, touring several wineries and sampling area cuisine.

**Fourteen members of the 1963 pledge class of Alpha Upsilon Chapter** met for their first-ever reunion in Kansas City. The Washburn alumnae "had lots of laughs, two nights of sleep deprivation and marveled about life in 1963, which they all agreed was highlighted by the Beatles' Ed Sullivan debut on the dorm TV." The members parted with a promise to reunite again in 1995.



The Central Oregon Alumnae Club met at Black Butte Ranch in June for a luncheon hosted by Marilyn Handy, Beta Xi/UCLA. The women gathered for a wonderful luncheon to visit with club members from across the Central Oregon area and Portland.

**Last May Beta Chapter alumnae** held a "Fabulous Fifties" reunion for all those initiated in the chapter in the 1950s. Ninety-four women arrived in Indianapolis for a weekend of fun and frivolity. The group enjoyed dinners, shopping, and singing long-remembered Theta songs. Awards in the names of Theta's founders were presented, including one for lifetime commitment, interpreted as those who traveled the most miles to attend.



The Gamma Pi pledge class of 1963 picnicked at the Brookside Vineyard B & B, owned by alumna Sue Ridley, during their Napa Valley reunion.

**Gamma Pi Chapter alumnae** of the 1956 pledge class did not let the summer flood waters of Iowa interfere with their first reunion since graduating from Iowa State University. Sixteen members of the pledge class attended the weekend, which included touring the chapter house, walking around the campus and shopping at the campus town bookstore. A 1996 reunion in Colorado is already in the works.



# Portfolio



Amy Grant was one of three recipients of Theta's Asbury Society Award in 1992.

**Nominations for Theta's prestigious Asbury Society** are now being accepted. The Asbury Society Award was established in 1992 to honor women who have achieved notable recognition in their fields of endeavor, including the arts and humanities, business, education, industry, public service, sports or science. The first members named to the Society were **Eilene Slack Galloway**, a pioneer in space law; **Amy Grant**, entertainer; and U.S. Senator **Nancy Landon Kassebaum**.

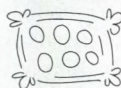
Those nominated should inspire and serve as role models for other Thetas. They must be living members of Kappa Alpha Theta and be in good standing with the Fraternity. They may be nominated by an individual, college chapter, or alumnae chapter or club. Please send nominations by February 1, 1994 to: Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, ATTN: Asbury Society Nominations

**The National Interfraternity Conference (NIC)** announced it will be piloting a national community service project called Adopt-A-School. The purpose is to pair fraternity and sorority communities with local elementary schools, in an effort to provide role models and individual

attention to grade-school children. The NIC has targeted 85 campuses across the U.S. to implement the program, which also provides volunteers for schools that are not in close proximity to college campuses.

Undergraduates or alumnae interested in starting an Adopt-A-School program should call the National Interfraternity Conference office at (317) 872-1112.

**The Fairfield County Connecticut Panhellenic Association is offering a \$1,500 scholarship** to be awarded in June, 1994. The annual scholarship is to aide a sorority woman whose home address is in Fairfield County, Connecticut and who attends any college or university in the United States. Sophomores and juniors are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be members of a national panhellenic sorority and be planning to remain on their college campus for the following year. Selection is based on academic records and service to the sorority, school and community. Completed applications must be received by April 1, 1994. For an application, write Beth Dempsey, Images and Details, Inc., 71 Elm Street, New Canaan, CT 06840 or call (203) 966-8203.



**Two new scholarships will be available this spring from Beta Eta Chapter. The Beta Eta House Corporation** has pioneered a method of keeping the Theta name alive on the University of Idaho campus, although the chapter was disestablished in 1986. A portion of the interest earned on chapter assets, which were returned to the Fraternity following the sale of the chapter facility, will be awarded each year as the Beta Theta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarships. Applicants must be Idaho students who are immediate family members or descendants of Thetas. Please contact Kappa Alpha Theta Central Office for additional information.



## SNAPSHOTS

# Close-Up

## Choreographer Agnes de Mille Dies

In March, 1928, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* included the following news from Beta Xi/UCLA: "Agnes de Mille appeared with Jacques Cartier in a dance recital at the Republic Theater, New York City. The rotogravure section of the New York Times, January 15, had a charming picture of her in costume."

Through the years, the *Magazine* continued to chronicle the milestones of the extraordinary dancer, writer and choreographer, who died October 7, 1993.

At UCLA, where in 1925 de Mille graduated cum laude with a degree in English, she drew attention in a benefit stage performance and soon joined a group of young women who later formed Beta Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Determined to succeed with a style of dance and choreography that communicated real-life movements and emotions, de Mille achieved fame in 1942 with the legendary "Rodeo." This vibrant ballet, in which de Mille danced the lead, was set in the American West to a score written by Aaron Copeland.

De Mille is best known for her choreography of the 1943 hit musical "Oklahoma!" which revolutionized the Broadway musical by using dance to develop the story. She became one of the most powerful women on Broadway in the '40s with her choreography for a string of Broadway hits, including "Carousel" and "Brigadoon."

De Mille was also the author of 14 books. In 1991, her biography of modern dance pioneer Martha Graham (a close friend of de Mille's) met with wide praise.

Although de Mille suffered a devastating stroke in 1975, she went on to supervise the restaging of "Rodeo" for the Joffrey Ballet in 1976. In her mid-80s, she choreographed her most recent ballet, "The Other," which was performed in 1992 by the American Ballet Theatre to critical acclaim.



# Theta Helps You Connect with Jobs or Sisters

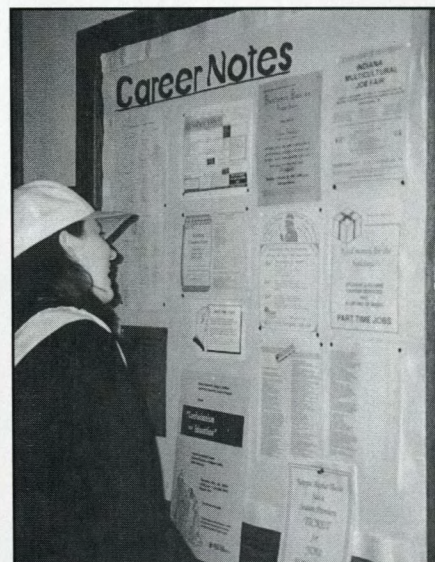
Looking for your first job? Returning to the work force? Seeking a volunteer position as a museum docent? Selling custom needlepoint pillows? Interested in renting your Florida condo to another Theta? Hoping to find a Theta companion to accompany you on a cruise? Looking for an internship in New York next year? Need a mother's helper for the summer? Theta CONNECTIONS can help.

## Connect with Job Bank USA

Your first job, job advancement opportunity or re-entry into the job market may depend on a connection with Job Bank USA. This state-of-the-art data base employment recruitment/placement firm, which boasts more than 350 corporate clients, is a job resource available to you or your family through Kappa Alpha Theta. For additional information or to receive an enrollment form, call Job Bank at 1-800-296-1USA or see the Autumn 1993 issue of *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*.

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## CONNECTIONS Ads

**FOR RENT:** spacious vacation home with caged, heatable pool overlooking Sarasota Bay, FL. Many amenities. 201-635-1520

**WANTED:** fine, distinctively bound books for Theta chapter house library. 201-635-1520

**SEEKING EMPLOYMENT:** PR professional, currently employed by major NY agency, seeks exciting/diverse communications position. Strong writing, print production, broadcast and computer skills. Enjoy travel, arts and politics. Will relocate. Kate 201-377-8773

## Theta Provides LINK for College Seniors

Thetas graduating this year will receive copies of THE LINK, a packet of information from Kappa Alpha Theta designed to link them with alumnae life and its many opportunities. In addition to materials about Theta alumnae chapters and clubs, THE LINK supplies graduating seniors with news about Theta graduate scholarships, Job Bank USA, the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation and more. Be looking for THE LINK!

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# District Officer Training Follows “*Theta’s Little Instruction Book*”

Using a theme inspired by author H. Jackson Brown’s “Life’s Little Instruction Book,” the education committee of Grand Council held district officer training for district officers at Fraternity Headquarters September 10 - 12, 1993. Theta’s alumnae district presidents and college district presidents participated in intensive educational sessions on subjects ranging from Greek trends to future planning for the Fraternity.

With ten new alumnae district presidents and 16 new college, there was much to teach from “Theta’s Little Instruction Book.” Workshops filled most of the waking hours, with procedures and how-tos taking top billing. General sessions included a workshop on how to turn “Me Against You” into “Us Against the Problem,” directed by College Regional Director Barbara Willman. There were also joint programs that stressed the importance of district officers working together.

Team-building activities from the LeaderShape Institute helped form immediate and close friendships among new and experienced officers. The family cluster idea was borrowed from LeaderShape, with regional directors serving as cluster facilitators. All officers were challenged to formulate a GAG — “going against the grain” — to work on during the upcoming year. Each officer was asked to set a goal for herself that would increase her effectiveness in working with her Theta constituents.

But all was not serious. Vice-President Education Jill Sauser used a card table to demonstrate how important are all the elements of Theta. The legs represented Council, special officers, district officers and the staff, while Theta membership was the table top. President Carryl Krohne, representing Council, had a difficult time keeping the table top on an even keel with only one table leg!

College Regional Directors Julie Keller and Kathy Schweer turned to television to emphasize their training sessions.

Keeler’s CDP Feud game, patterned after “Family Feud,” was a big hit in testing college district presidents’ knowledge. Schweer brought out cleaning products to show the CDPs how to get down and dirty to accomplish their tasks. Not to be outdone, the alumnae committee donned a series of hats to demonstrate how varied and all-encompassing are their jobs.

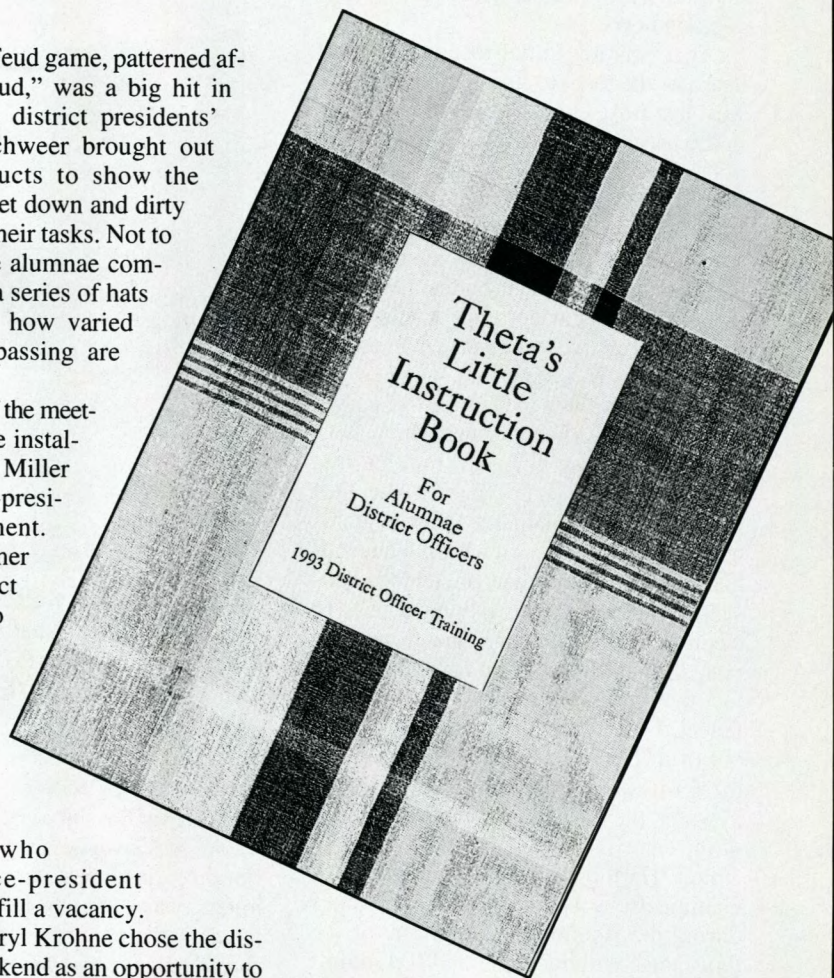
Highlights of the meeting included the installation of Margie Miller Baum as vice-president development.

Baum is a former alumnae district president, who served most recently as director of extension.

She replaces Helen Woodward, who moved to vice-president membership to fill a vacancy.

President Carryl Krohne chose the district officer weekend as an opportunity to lay the groundwork for Fraternity strategic planning. Quoting Father Theodore Hesburgh, former president of Notre Dame University, Krohne stated, “You can’t blow an uncertain trumpet.” She then elaborated upon her plan to tune the instrument, saying, “A dream of mine for several years is that Kappa Alpha Theta would undertake a process of strategic planning...a foundation for the future. Today you will be involved in the beginning of that process as you are asked about your vision for the Fraternity.”

Krohne emphasized the importance of the past in planning the future. “Most effective visions draw upon enduring themes to make us feel more confident about stepping out in new directions to



deal with a brave, new world. A renewed emphasis on friendship and sisterhood must be rooted in the past traditions of social, intellectual and moral growth created by our founders. A call for greater involvement by our alumnae and for less bureaucracy is related to our early pioneering days when self-reliance reigned.” Noting that we will be safe as long as we honor our most cherished traditions, Krohne concluded by telling eager officers to be prepared for a plan in early 1994.



# Heartland Thetas Endure Flooding

So many times we hear of natural disasters in places that seem far away. We are concerned for those in need, but in most cases, we don't know those affected by the event; they are nameless faces on the evening news.

That was my initial response when I heard of the terrible flooding in the Midwest last July. I had no friends, no family in the area, which was so far away from my home in Oregon. But my next thought was of the year that lay ahead of me, serving the Fraternity as a chapter consultant. I would be traveling in the heartland of America, the area ravaged by the unwelcome waters. I would meet Thetas whose lives were turned on end by this disaster.

My first visit was to Gamma Pi Chapter at Iowa State University. On the way to the chapter house in Ames from the Des Moines airport, I drove past the Des Moines Water Treatment Plant, which I had so recently seen on national news. It had flooded, which had prevented thousands of people from having access to clean water. Suddenly, the flood was real. I had always taken for granted the fact that whenever I turned on the water faucet, I could drink the water that came out of it. But here in Des Moines, while there was an unwelcome overabundance of water, there was also a threatening lack of the same.

Lori Harthorn, a college member of Gamma Pi, was living in Des Moines during the flooding and was one of the thousands without water. "If I didn't have a (Theta) sister in that town, it would have been awful," says Harthorn. A Gamma Pi sister, Theresa Benson, was living in West Des Moines and welcomed Harthorn and her twin sister into her home to shower and get clean drinking water. Benson and Harthorn also filled anything that would hold water — two-liter bottles, jugs and pots — to take to the 86-year-old woman that Harthorn was living with for the summer, who was unable to go out and get her own.

Harthorn says her sister was amazed at the support and love shown by Benson. "My sister said to me, 'I can't believe what the Greek system has done for you. When things get tight, they don't turn their backs on you. They really help out.'"

Benson remembers sirens going off, accompanied by sheets of pouring rain in



**A waterlogged welcome greeted visitors to Ames, Iowa, last July when the Midwest was devastated by flooding. Chapters located in the flood region, including Gamma Pi/Iowa State in Ames, Beta Kappa/Drake in Des Moines and Beta Omicron/Iowa in Iowa City, reported no significant damage to chapter houses.**

downtown Des Moines, where she was working for the summer. The nearby reservoir was overflowing, and water was flooding the homes of many of the parishioners of her church. Residents who had lived in their homes for 30 years were forced to leave and go to emergency shelters set up in schools and churches. Benson worked with these shelters, delivering food and medical supplies.

When the news flash went out that the Des Moines water treatment plant was flooded, the area of Benson's employment was shut down. She then worked extra hours at her part time job, stocking shelves at the grocery store. "People were buying things up so fast — juice, canned food anything — because they just didn't know what was going to happen next." Fortunately, the West Des Moines water treatment plant was not flooded. Water was made available to those whose supply had been cut off, and fire hydrants were running freely. When residents learned there was a chance the West Des Moines plant might also be flooded, an overwhelming number of vol-

unteers began sandbagging around the plant to prevent the loss of this very important water source. Benson and her mother supported that effort by cooking food for the volunteers and delivering it to the work site.

Gamma Pi alumna Janene Meier Smith also responded to the turmoil caused by the flooding. She volunteered when, as she says, "West Des Moines was bombarded by Des Moines residents" hoping to find clean water.

Smith focused her efforts on a flood victim shelter located just a few blocks away from her home in West Des Moines. "The shelter was like a war zone — military traffic, helicopters overhead every half hour, and media everywhere," explains Smith. "As soon as the school filled up, they started using the church." She divided her time between the two shelters and was put in charge of laundry for the shelter, washing linens and bedding in her own home. The local high school prepared 500 meals each day, and Smith helped out by delivering meals. In addition, she registered flood victims into



## THETAS HELPING THETAS: FRIENDSHIP FUND

The Midwest floods are only one example of the many times that Thetas help each other in times of need. Whether it be floods, fires or family illness, a Theta is always nearby to help a sister.

One means of support to Thetas comes from the Friendship Fund. Each year as Kappa Alpha Theta celebrates its birth on Founders Day, monies are collected to aid this special fund. Pennies, for each year of Theta's existence, are contributed by each member. The money is used as Friendship Fund gifts for Thetas who need financial assistance at difficult times in their lives.

One recipient said, "The long arms of Theta's friendship and love have transcended miles and time, and I must admit I sat down and cried, for it touched me deeply."

If you know of a Theta sister who is in need, please follow these guidelines to request for her a gift from the Friendship Fund:

1. Send request letters from any two Theta alumnae to President Carryl Krohne outlining the circumstances of the situation and corroborating that a real need exists. (Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268)

Any alumna may request a Friendship Fund gift for another, but it is preferred that one letter-writer be an officer of a chapter, club or district.

Writers should be identified by college chapter and alumnae affiliation (if any) and should include maiden names.

2. If you are requesting a gift for a Theta collegian, the above procedures apply, with the added provision that one of the letters should be written by a member of the advisory board of the collegian's chapter.

3. You will be notified whether or not the gift is to be granted, but please be sure to maintain your anonymity.

4. A letter and check from the Friendship Fund will be mailed to the recipient. No mention of your name or the names of others requesting the gift will be made.

the shelters and helped locate people, while her husband aided the sandbagging effort. Says Smith, "People really pulled together and helped out. The town literally came to a halt for ten days as businesses closed. It was like a big vacation, but it was no fun. The things you take for granted...to be without them, is really something."

Another Des Moines resident, Theta alumna Connie Mendrys, Beta Kappa/Drake, saw the antique and furniture restoration business she and her husband operate out of Des Moines destroyed by the flooding. "A town meeting was held to tell residents and business owners that the river would reach its crest Monday night and to prepare for it," recalls Mendrys. "So we went in the next day, Saturday, thinking that we could move everything up, pile it on top of other things, so that only the pieces on the bottom would be destroyed."

That day, however, the National Guard went around to tell people that the waters would be reaching them much earlier than expected. "We panicked," says Mendrys. "We needed a semi-truck to get all of our things out, and we couldn't find a truck in the city, or state for that matter. So we started hauling everything out by

**"People really pulled together and helped out. The things you take for granted...to be without them is really something."**

the pickup load." The levies broke, and within an hour, their business was under four feet of water. "It just came rolling in with such force, and those things that were left behind in stacks were just knocked over. We came back to see everything floating in water. We ended up losing 40 percent of our inventory."

To add to their difficulties, the Mendrys' home was without running water for two weeks. Fortunately, they had a great deal of assistance from friends and even strangers, who had helped take out loads of furniture. Everything that was salvaged was returned to the Mendrys, who do not want to relocate because Des Moines is a prime area for their business. Says Mendrys, "We can't just move. Now we're afraid it's not over. They say it's going to happen again in spring. We just feel helpless."

Kris Lindblom Arneson, Beta Delta/Arizona, was another victim of the July flooding in St. Louis. She saw two pieces of business property she and her husband own destroyed by flood waters after the Missouri River levy broke. Only three percent of the 500 businesses in the small town of Chesterfield, where the buildings are located, had flood insurance. Unfortunately, the Arneson business was not one of them. The two office warehouses, which were under nine feet of water, had to be gutted and will require complete renovation. Many people, even complete strangers, came to the rescue of the Arnesons. "If anything positive came out of this devastation, it is the fact that people really came together," says Arneson.

The flood was real. And knowing that Thetas — many of whom I do not know personally, but share a bond — were, and continue to be, affected by the devastation makes it all the more real to me. The Thetas who lived through it showed that with perseverance, faith and thought for others, it could be endured.

**by Laura Kolander**  
Chapter Consultant



# Call for Council Recommendations

Understanding election procedures and officer qualifications is essential for chapters, clubs and individuals in helping to select members of Grand Council. The following outline explains the process for choosing the Grand Council of Kappa Alpha Theta. Please read before completing the form on the opposite page.

## The Election of the Theta Grand Council

### Who selects Theta's international officers?

- All members, alumnae chapters and clubs and college chapters may recommend alumnae members for nomination.
- A letter will be sent by the nominating committee chairman to each college and alumnae chapter, inviting recommendations.
- A similar letter will be sent to all Fraternity officers with a recommendation blank enclosed.
- Letters of recommendation from individual Thetas are also welcome.
- The chairman will acknowledge all recommendations received.

### How is the nominating committee selected?

- The committee is selected at the first meeting of the districts at Grand Convention. Each district elects one of its delegates to serve on the committee. One half of the committee members are alumnae delegates and the other half are college delegates.

### How does the nominating committee function?

- It studies the responsibilities of each office.

- It studies and evaluates the qualifications of each candidate recommended for each office.
- It then prepares a slate of officers to present to Grand Convention for approval, after having first notified each candidate of her nomination to confirm her willingness to serve if elected. Further nominations may be made from the floor by any delegate.
- Every Grand Convention delegate votes by ballot.

### How long may members of Grand Council serve?

- The Constitution states that all members of Grand Council shall be elected at Grand Convention.
- Terms are for two years.
- No one may serve more than four terms as Vice-President and two terms as President.
- No one may serve more than two terms in the same Vice-President position, i.e. college, finance, etc.
- No member of Council may regress in office.

### What does Grand Council do?

- Each member of Grand Council chairs one of the standing committees for the Fraternity: administrative, alumnae, college, development, education, finance and membership, and supervises Fraternity officers in her area. A Council member must be an active contributor to the total welfare of Kappa Alpha Theta.
- Council meetings are held approximately twice a year, usually over a week-end, with additional meetings at Grand Convention and Leadership Conference. Additional meetings may be called by the President.
- Members attend and participate in the programs of Grand Convention, Officers and Leadership Conferences and Fraternity/Foundation Board meetings.

- Members may be called upon by the President to accept special assignments: assist with extension and/or the installation of new chapters, represent the Fraternity at interfraternity, educational and district meetings and make visits to chapters.

### What qualifications are necessary?

- A college degree.
- A member in good standing.
- Experience. Nothing in our laws requires experience as a district or special officer. However, because district presidents and special officers have a broad background of Fraternity knowledge and experience, almost all Council members are drawn from among those who have held these positions.
- Responsibility. Members should recognize the importance of their responsibility in directing the business affairs of the Fraternity and must have the time available to meet their responsibilities as members of Grand Council, whether working outside the home or not.
- Articulate. Members should be able to speak well before a group, enjoy comfortable rapport with both collegians and alumnae and be representatives of the Fraternity to whom one can point with pride.
- Well rounded and productive. Available candidates can be described as alumnae whose backgrounds, experiences, talents, leadership abilities and willingness to serve the Fraternity would make them well-rounded, productive Grand Council members.

Although serving on Grand Council is a volunteer position, expenses are paid by the Fraternity.



## Recommendation for Grand Council

College chapters, alumnae chapters, alumnae clubs and individual members of Kappa Alpha Theta are eligible to submit recommendations for consideration by the nominating committee. It is their privilege and responsibility to call the attention of the nominating committee to alumnae members who meet the qualifications listed on the opposite page. One recommendation, endorsed by a college chapter or an alumnae chapter or club, represents all its members. Therefore,

recommendations from individual members of those groups are not necessary. Every recommendation will be acknowledged by the chairman of the nominating committee.

The consent of the woman being recommended is required if she is not presently a member of Grand Council, a district or a special officer. The nominating committee chairman will send a biographical form, to be completed and returned, to each Theta recommended for

Grand Council. After careful consideration of all recommendations, a slate will be presented to the Grand Convention for election.

Send recommendations no later than April 1, 1994 to nominating committee chairman:

Carol H. Brehman  
420 Waynesbrooke Road  
Berwyn, PA 19312

Recommendations postmarked after April 1, 1994 cannot be considered.

Please indicate the office for which the person named below is being recommended.

President

## Vice-President Development

### Vice-President Membership

Vice-President College

Vice-President Education

Vice-President Alumnae

\_\_\_\_ Vice-President Finance

I (We) wish to recommend

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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In what capacity have you known this person?

How long have you known her?

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As fairly as you can, please evaluate this candidate in your response to the following questions:

1—outstanding; 2—above average; 3—average; 4—below average

\_\_\_\_\_ What rapport does she have with collegians?

\_\_\_\_\_ How well does she handle correspondence?

\_\_\_\_\_ Does she speak well before a group?

\_\_\_\_\_ Is she dependable in accomplishing jobs she agrees to do?

— Would you be proud to identify her as a representative of the international Fraternity?

\_\_\_\_\_ What rapport does she have with alumnae?

Does she meet deadlines?

Does she work well with others?

How do you evaluate her commitment to the Fraternity?

Does she have the ability to organize?

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Check one: ☐ Group recommendation ☐ Individual recommendation

Additional information or comments may be attached.



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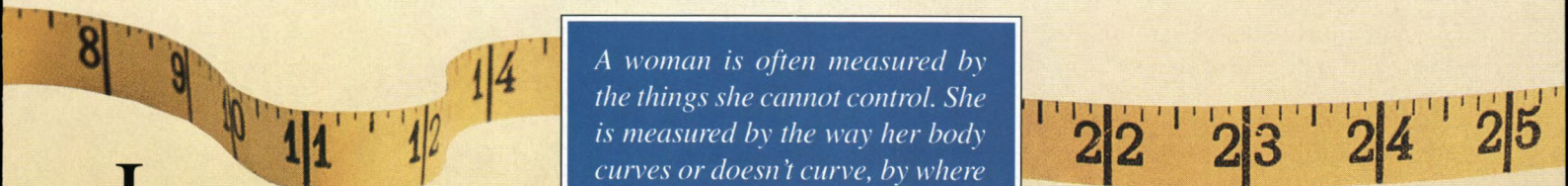


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# THE MEASURE OF A WOMAN

## Sizing Up Eating Disorders



**L**iz is a young Theta alumna who is regarded by friends and co-workers as bright, capable and attractive. Liz always did well in school and follows a responsible work ethic. Tall and slender with a lovely face and pleasant, unaffected personality, she was a leader in her college chapter and continues to be involved in many volunteer activities.

What are the goals of this accomplished, all-American woman? "My personal goal is to be well enough to be able to see in me what others tell me they see in me," says Liz, who is fighting an ongoing battle with an eating disorder.

### Measuring Up

Surprised? Maybe we shouldn't be.

In a society that makes many judgments based on an ideal set of statistics—size of facial features, weight, height, dress size, grades, job title, dollars earned—Liz feels that somehow she doesn't measure up. Many of the traits to which we hold a societal yardstick are difficult, if not impossible, for anyone to change. But Liz found there was one aspect of her life she could control, and for which she received approval: her weight.

*A woman is often measured by the things she cannot control. She is measured by the way her body curves or doesn't curve, by where she is flat or straight or round. She is measured by 36-24-36 and inches and ages and numbers, by all the outside things that don't ever add up to who she is on the inside. And so if a woman is to be measured, let her be measured by the things she can control, by who she is and who she is trying to become. Because as every woman knows, measurements are only statistics and... STATISTICS LIE!*

—Nike

She's not alone. Eating disorders, which have been diagnosed at least since the 1970s, and whose dangers have been well-publicized in the last ten years, are not news. But they're not going away either.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), each year millions of people in the United States develop serious and sometimes life-threatening eating disorders. More than 90 percent of them are adolescent and young adult women.

**Chapter consultants say that eating disorders are rampant among collegians.**



Theta's chapter consultants, recent graduates who spend the academic year visiting and advising women in college chapters, say that eating disorders are rampant among collegians.

NIMH statistics indicate that at least one percent of teenage girls develop anorexia nervosa, by which they literally starve themselves. Another two to three percent of young women—and as many as five percent of college

women in the United States—develop bulimia nervosa: excessive overeating, followed by purging through vomiting, using laxatives, or excessive exercise. About two percent of the general population suffer from binge eating disorder, similar to bulimia, but without the purging stage.

### Suffering the Consequences

The consequences of eating disorders are a relentless continuum of bad to worse: from fatigue, brittle hair and nails, gum disease, loss of menstrual cycle to dehydration, internal hemorrhaging, damage to vital organs and, in the extreme, kidney failure, cardiac arrest or suicide.

Those in the most danger, according to the NIMH are, "individuals with eating disorders who use drugs to stimulate vomiting, bowel movements or urination, as this practice increases the risk of heart failure." One in ten cases of eating disorders leads to death, which is the highest mortality rate of all mental disorders.

When high-achieving, energetic, 21-year-old Jennifer Hines, Delta Theta/University of Florida, died in her sleep last March she left devastated family and friends searching for explanations. Her family initially believed that Jennifer's past struggle with bulimia contributed to her death. Although tests later confirmed that bulimia was not the official cause of death, Jennifer's mother says she still believes that a drastic weight loss just months before Jennifer's death was a factor. "Deep down I feel that if she had not lost that weight that she still would be here," says Nadyne Hines.

Several years before, Nadyne Hines—who herself had suffered and recovered from an eating disorder while in high school—recognized the symptoms of bulimia in Jennifer. She immediately took her to see a psychiatrist who specialized

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in eating disorders. Through counseling, the entire family learned about the disorder and its effects. In an article in the March 24, 1993 edition of the *St. Petersburg Times*, Jennifer's father, James Hines, was quoted as saying, "Please let people know how dangerous it is. I didn't know until I had counseling with her."

After counseling, Jennifer did gain weight and appeared to be making a good recovery. But when she made a surprise visit home last January, Mrs. Hines says she was shocked to see that Jennifer had once again lost weight. Although Hines believes that Jennifer, who was very health conscious, was trying to take care of herself, she knows that she also was obsessed with keeping weight off and exercised excessively. "She was a wonderful child. She was a very strong little girl and had a lot of character. But she couldn't help it. It's horrible, like alcoholism. She had a fear of getting fat. She had a drive to be perfect."

### Profile of Perfection

Jennifer Hines fit the perfectionist profile often associated with people with eating disorders, but the fact is that there are no easy answers as to what causes them.

Many think that society shares at least a portion of the blame. "The Famine Within," a documentary film by Katherine Gilday, focuses on the contemporary obsession with body size and shape among North American women. Information promoting the film states, "Under the coercive powers of consumerism and the mass media, women have come

to view their bodies as marketable objects and to judge themselves according to the unrealistic standards of the beauty ideal. Interestingly, this anxious quest for 'the perfect body' is going on precisely at the point when women face serious challenges of self-definition within the world of school and work outside the home."

In the United States, where today more people

than ever are overweight, the latest fashion trend is the "waif-look," promoted by frail-looking, child-like models who appear in every medium available. The fashion industry and advertisers have been criticized (some say unfairly) for making these skin-and-bones models unhealthy role models for young women. Indeed, many young women admit to wanting to look like British model Kate Moss or one of numerous other "waif" models. Perhaps most disturbing are statistics from the National Institute for Compulsive Eaters, which indicate that 80 percent of ten-year-old girls say they are on diets.

"I don't know that we can blame society," says Susan Bravard, coordinator of the St. Vincent Stress Center's Eating Disorders Day Therapy Program in Indianapolis, "but it does reinforce to women in general that somehow we're not O.K. if we're not a size six." This is especially frustrating in light of the fact that the average dress size worn by women in the United States is 12-14, explains Bravard, who has a master's degree in social work and has spent the last five years working with addictions and eating disorders. "The media disallows women to show beauty in different ways. Very few of us are naturally going to fall in the ideal size ranges."

But Bravard points out the cause of eating disorders goes far deeper than exposure to unrealistic media images. "We do know if you have two people in the same environment, one may develop an eating disorder and the other may not. It comes down to individual and life experiences."

### Complex Causes

The roots of eating disorders appear to lie in a complex combination of person-



alities, genetic and environmental factors and biochemistry.

Many with eating disorders share some of the personality traits displayed by Jennifer Hines, including the tendency to be perfectionists and a fear of becoming fat. They

tend to be people-pleasers who, like Liz, initially may begin restricting food to gain a sense of control and to gain approval from others. Ironically, this eventually results in

the opposite: the appearance of being dangerously thin and out of control.

To reduce stress and relieve anxiety, people with bulimia or binge eating disorders often consume huge amounts of food. The problem is that the bingeing and purging ultimately become part of a dangerous cycle of guilt and anxiety that is more and more difficult to relieve.

Those with eating disorders tend to be outer directed rather than inner directed. Some may have grown up in dysfunctional family systems, in which there were other addiction problems or excessive control issues. In such a situation a young woman may not learn to cope with the problems of growing up and may not develop a clear sense of identity. Problems also can stem from families who are overly critical of weight.

In addition, research indicates that those who pursue professions or activities that emphasize being thin—including modeling, dancing, gymnastics, wrestling or long-distance running—are more susceptible to eating disorders.

Although it is difficult to separate them from environmental issues, genetic factors may predispose some to eating disorders. Most eating disorders patients are

### Common Symptoms of Eating Disorders

Symptoms	Anorexia Nervosa*	Bulimia Nervosa*	Binge Eating Disorder
Excessive weight loss in relatively short period of time	X		
Continuation of dieting although bone-thin	X		
Dissatisfaction with appearance; belief that body is fat, even though severely underweight	X		
Loss of monthly menstrual periods	X	X	
Unusual interest in food and development of strange eating rituals	X	X	
Eating in secret	X	X	X
Obsession with exercise	X	X	
Serious depression	X	X	X
Binging—consumption of large amounts of food		X	X
Vomiting or use of drugs to stimulate vomiting, bowel movements and urination		X	
Binging but no noticeable weight gain		X	
Disappearance into bathroom for long periods of time to induce vomiting		X	
Abuse of drugs or alcohol		X	X

\*Some individuals suffer from anorexia and bulimia and have symptoms of both disorders.

Source: National Institute of Mental Health

Caucasian and the majority are female.

Finally, research indicates that biochemical imbalances may be related to eating disorders. Scientists know the neurotransmitters serotonin and norepinephrine function abnormally in people who suffer from depression. Research funded by the National Institute of Mental Health has determined that these neurotransmitters are also decreased in acutely ill anorexia and bulimia patients and long-term recovered anorexia patients.

Liz recalls a need to rid herself of a heavy feeling, which was not entirely physical, and which she now identifies as depression. Bravard agrees that in her experience, depression and eating disorders “seem to go hand in hand.”

### The Onset of Disorder

According to Bravard, the onset of an eating disorder often coincides with a transitional stage of life, such as puberty or leaving home for college. Sometimes in an effort to control her weight a woman may begin a simple diet or exercise routine, but as compliments from others about the weight loss reinforce it, she becomes more and more preoccupied with her body image, food, eating and exercise.

Gradually the majority of decisions made by the woman throughout the day are determined around those issues: “What am I going to eat? How much will I eat? Will I exercise?” Bravard says this

preoccupation requires so much concentration that it may be used to block out other areas or difficulty. The woman may feel powerful by restricting.”

A woman with anorexia may develop

strange eating rituals or refuse to eat in front of others. Even after surpassing her weight loss goal, she may continue because she is unable to reach the “perfect weight” and can’t see herself as others do.

Extreme weight loss actually results in the opposite effect desired by the woman says Bravard. “Because the body responds as if it is starving, natural processes begin to shut down and the body starts feeding off its own muscle to find a way to survive.”

Statistics from the NIMH indicate that eventually half of those with anorexia will develop bulimia. Rather than restricting, bulimics indulge uncontrollably. Then, overwhelmed with guilt, and in order to maintain weight, they purge in secret by vomiting or using laxatives to maintain normal weight. Sometimes bulimics use amphetamines in an effort to “speed up” the body. But Bravard says that ultimately the body slows its metabolism to the point that purging is no longer effective in maintaining weight.

If the abnormal eating patterns continue, a woman with an eating disorder may become almost psychotic and may not be able to stop the destructive cycle



that too often leads to devastating conclusions.

## Getting Help

The longer abnormal eating behaviors persist, the more difficult it is to overcome the disorder and its effects. Eating disorders are most successfully treated when they are diagnosed early. But even recognizing an

eating disorder may be difficult, particularly with bulimics who binge and purge in secret and who may maintain normal or even above normal weight. (Bulimics, however, often have dental problems caused by vomiting that can be recognized early.) Those with eating disorders also tend to minimize or deny their eating problems both to themselves and others. Unfortunately, families and friends may do the same.

Although ultimately a woman with an eating disorder must recognize her problem and want to change in order to get help, the role of friends, relatives, teachers and physicians in confronting her and guiding her to treatment is vital.

According to Bravard, if parents can recognize and accept that their daughter has an eating disorder, they can play an important role in her recovery by setting limits. "Parents can set up a system of choices and consequences," she explains. "They can say something like, 'We'd like to see you get help. If you're willing, we'll continue to support you. If the behavior continues then we can't support that.'" Bravard suggests that parents can help their daughter see how continuing her behavior will be harmful and that they may, for example, restrict school activities, jobs or other important privileges if the behavior continues.

Chapter members also may be faced with playing the intervention role when a chapter house becomes a young woman's home-away-from-home. Acknowledging that it is very difficult to help a member with an eating disorder, and that each case is different, Chapter Consultant Keri Pravitz believes it is a situation that must be addressed by Theta.

"Eating disorders are the biggest problem we see facing college women," she says. "Some people think that eating disorders have peaked but they haven't. We hear about it from chapters everywhere. I think it's a bigger problem than alcohol abuse."

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According to Kappa Alpha Theta Vice President College Carol McPadden, "Theta's goal is to bring to treatment a member who has an eating disorder." She explains that collegians and advisers are encouraged to initiate contact with a member who has an eating disorder via the chapter's vice-president development. The vp development, who presents the facts of the situation and expresses her concern, also provides the young woman with available sources for treatment and may offer to accompany her to an initial appointment.

Collegians and advisers are provided with information and advice about dealing with eating disorders through Convention workshops and other programming sources (including a new *Balanced Woman Member Education* packet), but Pravitz believes they could use more guidance. "No one method is going to work with every individual, but they need basic, step-by-step guidelines as to how to get women to treatment. They can't solve their problems, but they can get them to the right place."

College chapter advisory board chairman Cindy Henning agrees. "Each situation is different, and confronting someone is extremely difficult and emotional. It's a huge responsibility for chapter members and advisers," she says. Because of the complexity of the issue, Henning recommends that reports of all incidents of concern about a member be carefully recorded. And Pravitz stresses that, in the process of confronting the problem, all members treat the young woman as they always have. "Even when the situation is very stressful for every-

one, don't isolate her," she explains. "We need to be there to support and help her."

## Real Recovery

Eating disorders can be cured and lives returned to normal. Bravard says she knows women who have begun to live balanced lives again.

"Their relationship with food is no longer a control issue. Food gets put back in its natural place, as fuel and nutrition for the body," says Bravard. "We see people recover, who have broken through the denial, acknowledged their problem and are serious about wanting to change. But it doesn't happen overnight. It's a challenge and it takes courage."

Professional treatment is essential. Because an eating disorder is an interaction of emotional and physiological problems, that treatment is ideally multi-faceted, sometimes combining the expertise of an internist, nutritionist and psychotherapist.

According to Bravard, the first step is an assessment by a counselor, who has experience with eating disorders, and a complete physical examination, to rule out other illnesses and to determine the physical effects of the disorder.

Those who are in immediate medical danger may require hospitalization. Many others can be treated as outpatients, says Bravard, who directs a program in which two therapists lead a group of six to eight people who meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a four-week period. "It helps them get a good start on understanding what is happening and changing their patterns," she says, adding that continued support from family and friends as well as ongoing therapy is key.

The American Anorexia/Bulimia Association, Inc.—the oldest national non-profit organization for the prevention, treatment and cure of eating disorders—also stresses the importance of therapy and finding a qualified therapist.

The AABA offers a referral network that links sufferers, and their family and friends, to eating disorder specialists located in their geographic areas. Also available from the AABA is a list of ques-



tions to ask potential therapists, which includes the following advice: "There are many different approaches to the treatment of eating disorders. No one philosophy works for everyone, and sometimes patients must try several types of treatment before finding one that is helpful. If you are looking for a therapist you should first decide which treatment approach makes the most sense for you.

Finding a therapist or

for their children. She is critical of a culture and any activities that put too much emphasis on staying lean. Says Hines, "We shouldn't put pressure on young people to look a certain way. We need to accept them as they are."

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—Nadyne Hines

ber collapsed from an overdose of laxatives, diuretics and diet pills, Baker was shocked into reality, recovery and a realization: "...I'm beautiful just as God made me," she writes in *Guideposts*. "When I had children of my own, I was more determined than ever to pass on that message. It needs to be shouted loud and clear, for as I know, it is all too easy to become lost in your own insecurities."

group that is good for you can be a matter of personal chemistry—a feeling of trust must exist in any therapeutic relationship if it is to be beneficial. Don't be afraid to interview more than one therapist, visit more than one group; in the last analysis—TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS!"

### What's Inside Counts

Although nothing can guarantee the prevention of eating disorders, Bravard says that families, organizations and society in general can help by setting an example of balance and moderation in health, exercise and eating patterns.

Jennifer Hines' mother, who says she appreciates the continued support of Jennifer's Theta friends, wants parents to know that they should not be afraid to address the problem of eating disorders and should not be ashamed of getting help

Bravard agrees. "Little girls should not be reinforced for their appearances only. Intelligence and other skills should be highlighted. They need to develop a good sense of inner self rather than just the outer self," she says.

One Theta alumna who survived a 12-year battle with an eating disorder, Catherine Graves Baker, Alpha Theta/Texas, is now reaching out to help others. The former cast member of the network television show "Hee Haw," which first aired in 1969, has recorded a message about eating disorders for the "Dial Guideposts for Inspiration" telephone service. In an article in the January 1993 issue of *Guideposts* magazine, Baker tells how she used laxatives to keep thin for television appearances.

Finally, after a fellow cast mem-

Perhaps we can all benefit from truly believing the words that most of us have heard many times before—words that Catherine Baker says she remembers coming from her own father: "It's what's inside you that makes you beautiful."

by Susan Holloway

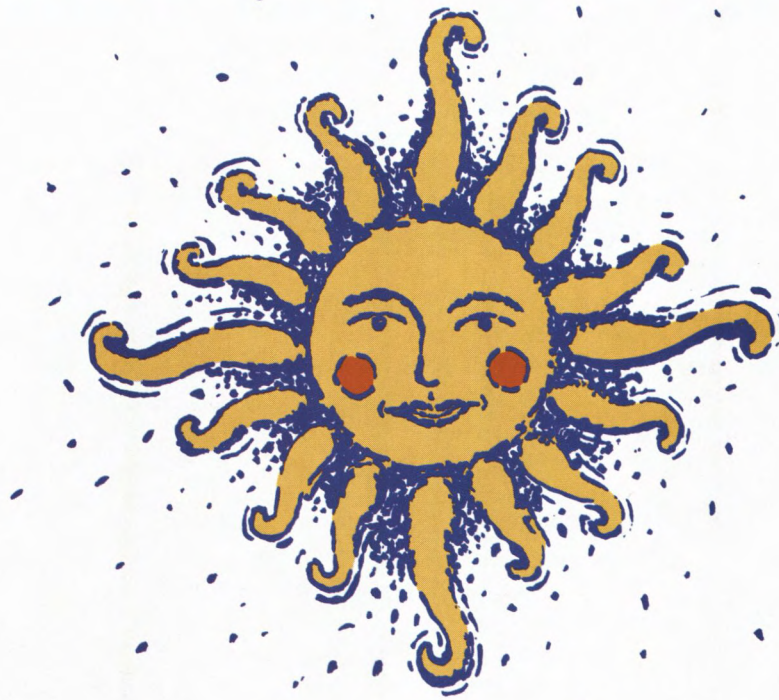
### Where to Go for Help

- \* National Institute of Mental Health—20-page booklet on eating disorders, including addresses and phone numbers of resource groups. Free from: Consumer Information Center, Dept. 77, Pueblo, CO 81009
- \* American Anorexia/Bulimia Association, Inc.—referrals to local eating disorder programs and therapists, plus guidelines for selecting a therapist. Free from: American Anorexia/Bulimia Association, Dept. P, 418 E.76th St., New York, NY 10021 or call 212-734-1114
- \* Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD)—support groups. Call 708-831-3438
- \* Overeaters Anonymous—support groups. Call 800-743-8703 or 310-618-8835
- \* Local mental health organizations, hospitals or clinics listed in yellow pages
- \* Theta's new Balanced Woman Member Education packet on eating disorders—information for collegians, including guidelines for chapter discussions and role playing. Available from Kappa Alpha Theta Spring 1994
- \* "The Famine Within"—documentary film about obsession with body size and shape. Available on video, with supplemental written materials, from: Direct Cinema Limited, PO Box 10003, Santa Monica, CA 90410-90003 Phone 800-525-0000 or Fax 213-396-3233
- \* "Surviving an Eating Disorder"—book by Michele Siegel, Ph.D.; Judith Brisman, Ph.D.; and Margot Weinshel, M.S.W. (Harper & Row, 1988)
- \* "The Best Little Girl in the World"—novel by Steven Levenkron (Warner) is helpful for anorexics and their families





# Share the Adventure



1994 Grand Convention ♦ Scottsdale, Arizona ♦ June 22-26

## Wednesday June 22

- ♦ Optional Pre-Convention tours\*\*
- ♦ Registration
- ♦ Opening Night BBQ
- ♦ District Meetings


## Thursday June 23

- ♦ Flag Procession
- ♦ President's Address
- ♦ Birthday Luncheon
- ♦ College and Alumnae Workshops
- ♦ Awards Banquet

## Friday June 24

- ♦ Legislation
- ♦ Foundation Update
- ♦ Speaker
- ♦ Academic Excellence Luncheon
- ♦ College and Alumnae Workshops
- ♦ CASA Service Project

## Saturday June 25

- ♦ Talking About Alcohol (TAA) Program
  - ♦ Lunch — optional seminars
  - ♦ Initiation
  - ♦ 125th Anniversary Kick Off
  - ♦ Introduction of New Council
  - ♦ President's Reception
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# THETA SISTERHOOD



Kappa Kansas sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta.



## Kappa/Kansas

The meanings of sisterhood are as diverse as the individual members of our chapter. It is this diversity which allows us to continually grow and change while remaining close to our friends. From the deep bonds of friendship to the fun of living with 90 other young women, we have many reasons to be proud to be a part of Kappa Alpha Theta . . . Sisterhood means . . . rides to class on rainy days . . . friendly faces . . . helping hands on late-night projects . . . unconditional acceptance . . . closets full of clothes . . . honest voices and opinions . . . willing partners on yogurt runs . . . warm smiles . . . fun people to go out with . . . good listeners . . . best friends.

by Jennifer Prather

## Delta Zeta/Emory

Friendship is a central facet of any college experience. Just about everyone has friends with whom she can work and have fun. But the Delta Zeta Chapter has found that the friendship of sisterhood is an even deeper experience.

Within the bonds of sisterhood, friendship offers the opportunity to share life honestly. We can speak frankly, knowing that we will be accepted just as we are, without the uncomfortable vulnerability so often present in relationships outside Theta. Sisterhood is stronger than any day-to-day problems. However, its impact is not limited to workaday contact; sisterhood has the quality of the eternal. We feel that the friendships we make within Theta have a greater likelihood than others of lasting for many years. Other acquaintances may be dear to us, but Theta's commitment to tradition and love sets sister-friendships apart.

Sisterhood is the quality which encourages unity in our very diverse chapter. We treasure our full spectra of backgrounds, interests and values, but realize that society often allows differences to become divisions. At its worst, the world can be disappointing, disillusioning and disorienting, but our Fraternity is permanent. The love and tolerance of sisterhood keep us together.

by Emily E. White

## Alpha Xi/Oregon

To the members of Alpha Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, sisterhood means loyalty to one another. It is standing by one another and being there for those in need. One particular example of true sisterhood took place last spring.

A senior member of our chapter was going through some tough times and was unable to pay her dues. She had written a letter to the chapter describing her situation and informing us that she would be filing for financial inactivity. During that meeting, one of our members—who had calculated how much each member would have to contribute to cover the outstanding dues—stood up and asked if each of us would be willing to put in a few dollars. All agreed and within a week there was enough to pay the bill.

At the following Monday night dinner, we surprised our sister by presenting her with the money for her dues. It is impossible to put into words how much this act of sisterhood meant to this particular senior, as well as to each of us who had helped keep this valuable member active. This situation gave us all a greater appreciation of our membership in Kappa Alpha Theta and showed us what it means to be a true sister.

by Sheri Weller

## Rho/Nebraska

Rho Chapter started a new tradition last spring: an all-chapter retreat. It was a great get-away from school and reminded us just how special Theta sisterhood is.

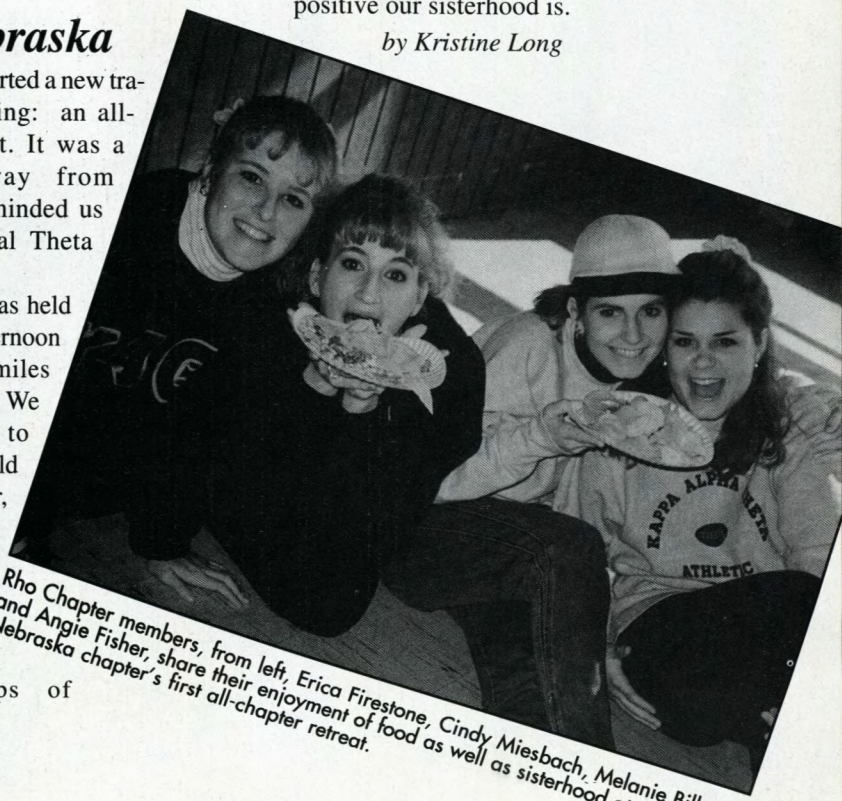
The retreat was held on a Sunday afternoon at a camp 60 miles from campus. We drew numbers to decide who would ride in each car, which gave us the opportunity to break away from our traditionally closest groups of friends.

**Sisterhood is defined as "the tie between women who feel a close relationship." What is the tie that binds members of Kappa Alpha Theta? Here's what today's Theta collegians say sisterhood means to their chapters.**

First we energized ourselves by singing to the tune of "We Didn't Start the Fire," a song we learned from the Iota Chapter at Cornell. Then, after two members read a short story, we formed small groups to discuss questions, problems and concerns about the chapter. Later we presented our ideas and solutions to the whole group.

We took the opportunity to be outdoors to learn more about our environment, including an environmental quiz, before taking a food break. Finally, each member had a blank piece of paper taped to her back, and we spent a half hour writing positive comments about each sister. The activity helped us realize how special and unique each of us is and how positive our sisterhood is.

by Kristine Long



Rho Chapter members, from left, Erica Firestone, Cindy Miesbach, Melanie Bills and Angie Fisher, share their enjoyment of food as well as sisterhood at the Nebraska chapter's first all-chapter retreat.

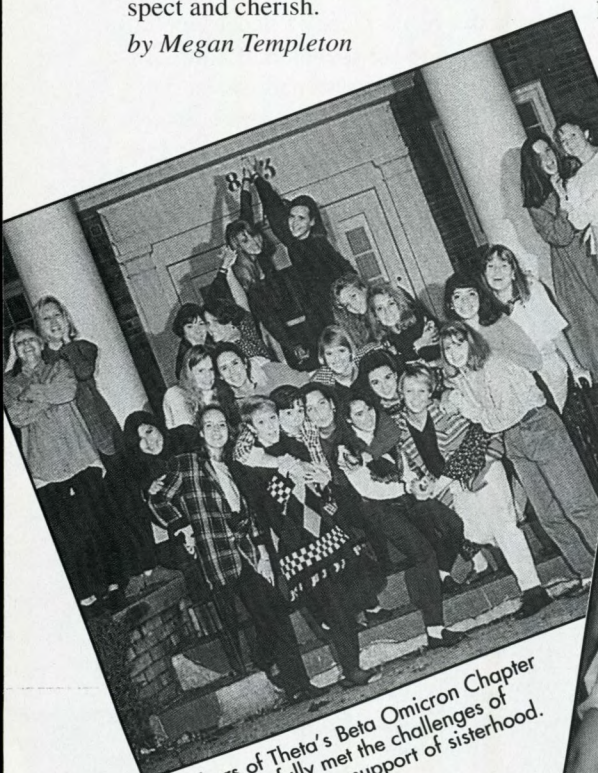


## Beta Omicron/Iowa

Sisterhood at Beta Omicron means pulling closer when times get tough. A lot of changes have taken place in Kappa Alpha Theta in the last three years. The new officer structure, new member program and rush rules have all been successfully implemented at Iowa, but not without some difficulties. We have also faced challenges unique to our chapter. Without strong sisterhood, we wouldn't have met those challenges.

Sisterhood is present during the good times, and it makes the bad times bearable. Beta Omicron has thrived with the consistent leadership, open mindedness and enthusiasm of our sisterhood. We would do anything for each other, because that is what true sisters do. We bring out each others best qualities. We are very proud to be Thetas because Kappa Alpha Theta recognizes that the world and women are changing and that the Greek system must change with them. And we are proud that the women with whom we share Theta sisterhood are those we respect and cherish.

by Megan Templeton



Members of Theta's Beta Omicron Chapter have successfully met the challenges of change through the support of sisterhood.

## Epsilon Xi/Villanova

In the fall of 1983, a group of young women at Villanova University became united in their desire to form a meaningful sisterhood. Several sororities already existed at "Nova", but these women wanted more. They formed a group, which quickly became known for its diversity, excellence in scholarship and leadership, and its generosity to others. This group became the Epsilon Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Although those original characteristics have formed the backbone of the chapter since, we sometimes lose sight of these goals in our everyday affairs. The diversity that makes us unique sometimes pulls us in too many directions, and sisterhood can be made secondary to the individual success for which each of us strives. But anniversaries have a way of bringing us back to a recognition of our roots.

In October, 1993, current members of Epsilon Xi united with hundreds of alumnae to celebrate ten years of Theta at Villanova. These women, who live in all parts of the country and lead different lifestyles, came together to reaffirm the sisterhood that originally drew them. Much hard work went into making the anniversary an event to remember, and we are excited to have been part of it. Ultimately, our sisterhood is one of traditions remembered and passed on with great joy and pride. Happy Anniversary Epsilon Xi!



Rush is a special time for sisterhood in the Alpha Theta Chapter at the University of Texas. Members share a moment of fun while taking a break from rush skit rehearsal, from left: Lissie Crosswell, Aimee Ford, Claire Cropper and Brooke Hardie.

## Delta Epsilon/Arizona State

The women of Delta Epsilon Chapter believe we have found the true meaning of caring, sharing and love: sisterhood. Although many of our members were lucky enough to have sisters they were born to love, through Kappa Alpha Theta, all members have sisters they have grown to love.

Our concern for one another is reinforced by our chapter's goals. One of these—unity—is the binding element of the chapter. We begin instilling this quality from the beginning of membership through various programs. Special gavel passings, retreats and social functions quickly acquaint new members with each other as well as other members. In addition, the vice-president development has implemented several positive programs to remind members that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Our standards committee now deals with myriad situations: An individual called before the committee may be surprised to receive not a reprimand, but a reward for being there for a sister in need.

Knowing we always have a sister to support, who will stand by us as well, keeps our chapter moving in a positive direction and continues to make us stronger as a unit and as college women.

by Lori Greene

## Alpha Theta/Texas

The word sorority is derived from the Latin root *sororitas*, meaning sisterhood. In the Theta chapter at the University of Texas at Austin, *sororitas* is the purpose and reward of membership. Our rush activities and efforts best typify this feeling of sisterhood.

The intense commitment of three weeks during the summer and the many hours members spend working together instill an exciting sense of sisterhood for Texas Thetas. The women have the opportunity to become better acquainted with one another in



the common experience of rush. We are given the opportunity to perform in skits, gain a better appreciation of rituals and engage in meaningful discussions about what being a Theta is all about. The small breaks between workshops allow members time to share interests, discover similarities and renew friendships after summer break.

The energy and excitement of rush parties builds strength between sisters. Visiting with rushees and singing about Theta loyalty, members are able to give back some of the energy and comfort they once received as rushees. Rush exemplifies the strength of our sisterhood, as enduring as the term from whence it came.

## Zeta Xi/Harvard-Radcliffe

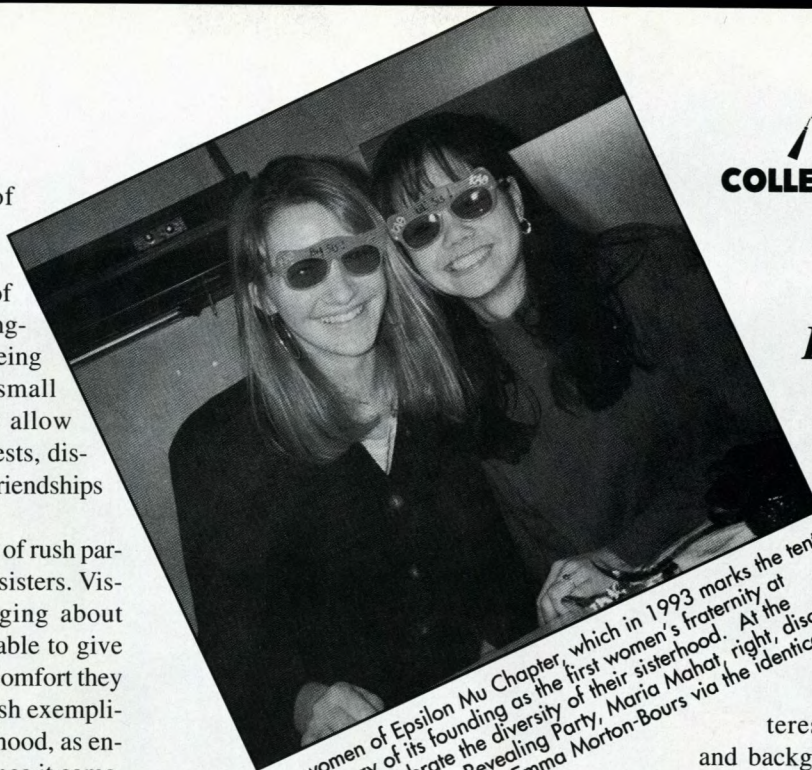
The longer we are together, the more the women students from Harvard who make up Zeta Xi Chapter realize that Theta sisterhood is multidimensional.

Sisterhood is being able to walk into Kirkland dining hall on a Wednesday night, grab a bowl of Cracklin' Oat Bran and relax with 30 of Harvard's finest athletes, volunteers, artists and politicians. It is the thrill of running barefoot along the banks of the Charles, "testing" kites while waiting for the children to arrive on the morning of the Kite Flight. It is the reassurance that someone will be able to find you a date for formal no matter how hopeless your love life seems.

Laughing comfortably about our workloads and our summer plans and the men we have dated; however, we are all silently aware that ours is a bond with very serious implications. We must keep each other's secrets, support each other in moments of crisis and defend our organization on a campus where many are skeptical of Greek life.

Inspired by each other, the women of Zeta Xi feel we can embody Bettie Locke's ideals of sisterhood and academic achievement. With a year of experience behind us we look forward to passing this vision on to a group of diverse and capable new members.

by Margaret Roberts



The women of Epsilon Mu Chapter, which in 1993 marks the tenth anniversary of its founding as the first women's fraternity at Princeton, celebrate the diversity of their sisterhood. At the chapter's Big Sister Revealing Party, Maria Mahat, right, discovers the identity of Big Sister Emma Morton-Bours via the identical sunglasses they sport.

## Gamma Tau/Tulsa

The Gamma Tau Thetas at the University of Tulsa are women who are goal-oriented, successful leaders. As individuals they encourage each other in the pursuit of their unique goals and interests. As sisters, they share together in the pride and joy of one another's achievements.

The 1992-1993 school year was innovative and inspiring for Gamma Tau sisters. In November, the chapter held for the first time a service-oriented soccer tournament, "Theta World Cup," to raise funds for CASA. The tournament drew participants and support from campus organizations as well as the Tulsa community. Encouraged by the tournament's success, members hope it will become an annual event.

Theta's tradition of high scholarship continues to be upheld by Gamma Tau sisters who are in national honoraries, including Mortar Board and Order of Omega, and who received individual awards for scholarship at the University of Tulsa's Annual Panhellenic Banquet last spring. And this year the women of Gamma Tau claimed these Tulsa campus positions and more: the award-winning opinion editor of the *Collegian*, Homecoming Queen and Student Association.

by Carolyn E. Rhodes

## COLLEGE REPORT

### Epsilon Mu/Princeton

Paradoxically, Epsilon Mu Chapter members are closely bonded as a result of their differences. Members are extremely diverse in interests, activities, talents

and backgrounds, but it is these

differences that engender the respect that each feels for her sisters.

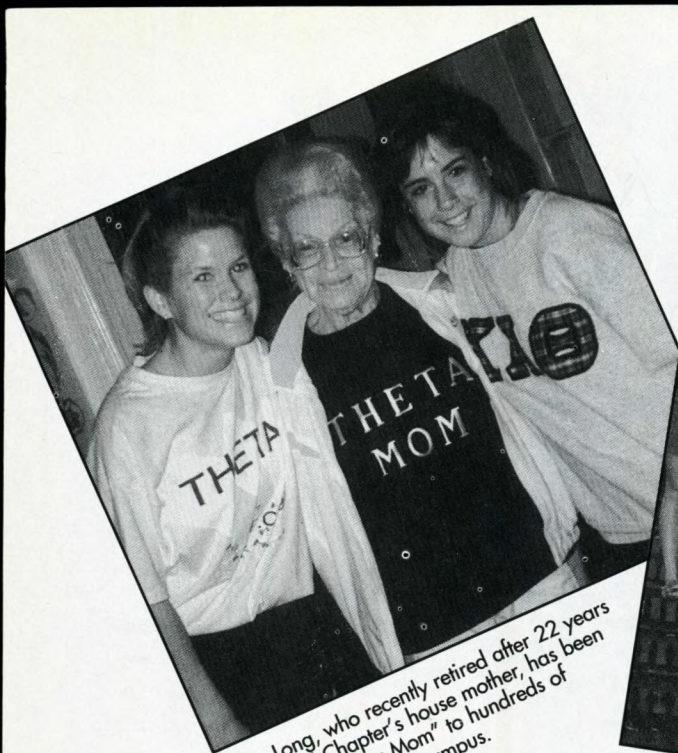
There is a tremendous amount of encouragement for each sister to be her own unique self, while simultaneously contributing to the chapter and to Theta on a larger scale. This is exemplified by the fact that almost every week our chapter organizes groups of Thetas to attend plays, concerts and sporting events in which fellow members are involved.

Another factor that binds together Epsilon Mu members is our determination to maintain a flourishing Greek life on our campus. Kappa Alpha Theta was founded as the first women's fraternity at Princeton, a university that only began accepting women 24 years ago. Because the campus had been male-dominated in the past, women felt they needed an outlet for exercising independence and for bonding with other women. Theta began a Greek tradition at a school where none had existed before. As a result, our chapter has aided other Greek organizations in establishing their own chapters.

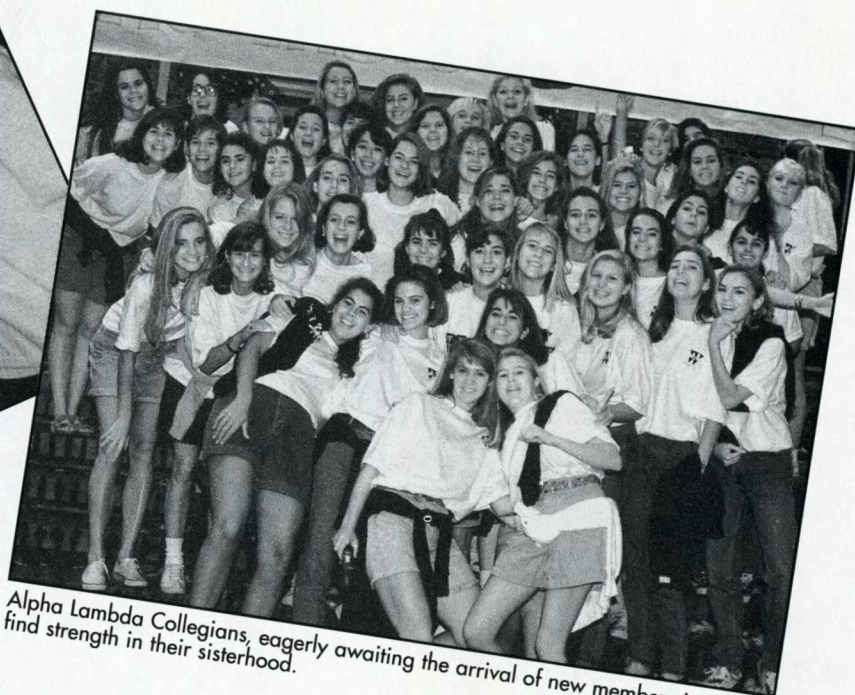
This year we were fortunate to celebrate Epsilon Mu Chapter's tenth anniversary. It is symbolic because it represents to us that our charter members were the pioneers of Greek life for women at Princeton. The sisters of our Theta chapter feel great pride in contributing to its prosperity and are committed to its growth.

by Amy Kirkpatrick





Ruby Long, who recently retired after 22 years as Beta Xi Chapter's house mother, has been a beloved "Theta Mom" to hundreds of Thetas on the UCLA campus.



Alpha Lambda Collegians, eagerly awaiting the arrival of new members in 1992, find strength in their sisterhood.

## Beta Xi/UCLA

When reflecting on fond memories and special friendships in Kappa Alpha Theta, we think of our house mother, Mrs. Ruby Long. There is no better symbol of sisterhood. She is an essential link in the close relationships we share.

Mrs. Long has been with Beta Xi Chapter for 22 years and has been a constant representative of everlasting beauty, honesty, devotion, love and friendship. She often tells us that we keep her 93-year-old body young and that she doesn't want to go to a retirement home because she feels the people there are too old for her. But we think it is actually Mrs. Long who keeps us all young and in high spirits with her constant smile and wonderful words of wisdom.

Each year she knits an afghan for the current chapter president. Even with arthritis-stricken hands she was able to complete her 22nd.

Recently, more than 300 Thetas attended a reunion, held in honor of Mrs. Long, who has retired. After listening to stories from representatives of the pledge classes, she told us that had she realized all the responsibilities her job had actually entailed she might never have accepted the position. In closing, she told us we are strong, young, beautiful women who represent the newest generation and that she would give anything to be able

to start all over again with us.

We will miss Mrs. Long, but she will remain forever in our hearts, and the memory of her presence will be felt through our new house mother, Mrs. Long's daughter-in-law.

by Natalie Escoboz

## Alpha Lambda/ Washington

As Thetas, we are sisters who are bound by the strings of our kites. They bring us together, encircle our hearts and give us strength. Our bond forms a sisterhood that can only be defined in terms of that power.

Sisterhood is the strength of individualism. It means allowing each and every member to be her own person. It means having the courage to develop your own identity. The power we have as individuals enables us to respect our sisters' dreams, wishes and aspirations. Our pride and respect for our diversity binds us.

Sisterhood is the strength to remain faithful and true to Theta's ideals. The dedication we have to our fraternity's values creates a special unity. It is the will to persevere; the ability to strive to maintain high standards and good character.

A powerful Theta sisterhood helps us in our quest to achieve all the best that

life has to offer. Although the kite strings of Theta membership bring us together, it is that power that stays in our hearts.

by Sarah Hille

## Gamma Gamma/ Rollins

Cutting out paper stars, painting walls, setting up black lights, blowing up balloons, planting flowers ...yes, it's rush! It was during rush last February that I discovered the true meaning of sisterhood.

I loved being a part of Kappa Alpha Theta, but to me the idea of sisterhood seemed a little melodramatic. Near the end of rush, at our last party of the evening, we were exhausted. But there was one more group of rushees, so we huddled together in a circle, all eyes on our rush chairman. "Let's show them what we've got! We're sisters! Let's use that bond to keep this rush strong until the end. I love you all. Now let's do it!"

As I left that circle, clapping and cheering, my exhaustion was instantly replaced with energy. As I looked around at everyone in the room, suddenly I understood what Kappa Alpha Theta was about. I felt proud. I felt strong. I felt love. I felt the true meaning of Theta sisterhood.

by Kristen Broadhead



## **Beta Pi/ Michigan State**

As society continues to demand more from women, the involvement of Beta Pi Thetas is expanding beyond the traditional roles of women. Unfortunately, committing our talents and time to many organizations and work experiences makes it increasingly difficult to keep a strong chapter unity. In an effort to strengthen the bonds of sisterhood, Beta Pi Chapter has implemented two successful programs.

The first is a bulletin board on each of the chapter's living floors, which features a kite for each member and displays her name. The kite forms a pocket and allows sisters to drop notes or small gifts to each other. It's the perfect opportunity for letting a sister know you're thinking of her.

A weekly publication, called Theta Data, is the second program. This bulletin, assembled by the chapter editor and distributed to each member at chapter meetings, establishes a network of chapter communication on a regular basis. Theta Data includes a calendar of weekly events, congratulations to sisters for awards and outstanding performances, lost and found notices and suggestions to improve the chapter.

Beta Pi has found these two programs have increased participation within the chapter, added to Theta spirit and broadened friendships.

by Cathy Smith

## **Beta Gamma/ Colorado State**

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said "happy is the home that shelters a friend." Although this is a simple statement, it is the essence of the Beta Gamma Chapter house at Colorado State and our sisterhood. The friendships built and supported under our roof truly last a lifetime and are like no other.

On March 27, 1993, Fort Collins was one of many cities throughout the state of Colorado to host the annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk-a-thon. Beta Gamma's interest in this event was sparked by our sister Andrea Quinn, who has MS. An-

drea has participated in the walk for many years, usually with her academic honor society. But this year, she wanted her sisters to join, also. Andrea was delighted when 25 Beta Gamma women arrived early that morning for the three-mile walk. She said it was one of the neatest feelings to know she was supported by her sisters. In the past, Andrea had been reluctant to talk about her disease. After the walk, she felt comfortable sharing her story with any Beta Gamma sister. She knows we care—no matter what.

According to 1 Corinthians 12:26, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." When you are a sister in Theta, your joys are multiplied and your sorrows are divided among the many.

## **Gamma Zeta/ Connecticut**

Gamma Zetas are a group of women who are taking initiative in the world. Chapter members have done everything from building shelters for the homeless here in America, to helping Mother Theresa halfway across the globe in India. Members have lobbied for human rights and for educational funding. We are out in the world, working for change, pushing for better lives for everyone. And Theta sisterhood plays a big part in that.

Theta is a place where sisters can come home. It's a home away from home that helps give us strength when things don't go as we had planned. Gamma Zeta members give each other courage. We're the first to congratulate when a sister succeeds, and we're the first to console when one does not. The strength and courage keeps us pushing for change. One sister's actions can inspire the chapter. And now Gamma Zeta has taken that one step further.

On February 3, 1993, Gamma Zeta became an inspira-

tion for the University of Connecticut community. Theta was the sponsor of a forum on women volunteers entitled, "Taking That Extra Step." It featured a panel of speakers from Kappa Alpha Theta and various campus organizations. The purpose was to show other women how to get out there and work for change. It was a first for the university community, but for the chapter it was just what we've been doing all along. Because that is what sisterhood is all about.

## **Omega/Berkeley**

Omega Chapter sisterhood is seen in its spirit. Last spring, the Thetas participated in Lambda Chi Alpha's 49th annual Daffodil Festival, in which all sororities were invited to sell daffodils. The enthusiasm of Omega members earned the chapter the first ever "most spirited" award, as well as an hour glass award for contributing more than 100 hours throughout the week. Lambda Chi Alpha donated the proceeds from the event to Cal Camp.



Omega Chapter Thetas showed their spirit of sisterhood while selling daffodils.



## Gamma Chi/ California State-Fresno

Members of Gamma Chi Chapter take pride in our sisterhood. That pride strongly binds us and makes us the strong and very active chapter we are on the campus and in the community. Last year, Gamma Chi had many calls for sisterhood, but none like our work to fulfill our philanthropic goal, AMICUS.

In the fall, the chapter held a "Day at the Movies" for children and their parents at a local movie theater, where we saw "Beauty and the Beast." It was a great, new and most of all fun way to support our local chapter of AMICUS. Bonds of sisterhood were strengthened as all members participated. Each had a specific responsibility, from greeting children, to handing out T-shirts, to serving refreshments. The kids loved it, but I think the Thetas loved it even more!

Our second philanthropic event, held in the spring, was a balloon-a-gram sale. With a St. Patrick's Day theme, each member sold balloon-a-grams to people all over Fresno. The construction of the balloon-a-grams was a lot of work, but we all worked together to make it happen. Delivering them was a real exercise in sisterhood. We piled into cars, working together to locate the balloon-a-gram recipients. We discovered parts of Fresno we never knew existed!

by Melissa Ouzounian

## Beta Omega/ Colorado College

Theta sisterhood means many things to the women of the Beta Omega Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. First of all, as students of Colorado College, it is a constant challenge for us to begin and end each block. It is extremely difficult to find something stable on which to depend when every few weeks a new block rolls around and our whole routine changes. However, in Theta we have found that stability. The friendships we have made help us make it through each day. We know that no matter what happens, our sisters will be there for us. Also, since we do not live in a chapter house, we work even harder to maintain the bonds of sisterhood.

As a women's organization, we pride ourselves in standing up for our beliefs on women's issues. At Greek Week in Spring 1992, there was an auction held in the fraternity quad, during which each sorority auctioned off one of the sisters. When it came time for Theta's turn, we refused. Also Theta was proud to have one of the strongest group showings at last spring's "Take Back the Night" march, protesting violence against women.

by Marnie Merrell

## Alpha Mu/Missouri

Although the new member program of Kappa Alpha Theta has transformed pledge moms and daughters into big and little sisters, pledge families remain an important part of Alpha Mu Chapter at the University of Missouri. "Pledge families help you get to know a few people, better," says member Karen Roth. "People you might not have know as well otherwise."

Beginning at the Big Sis Hunt, held several weeks before initiation in the fall, big sisters from the sophomore class share many gifts with little sisters. At the String

Hunt, new members fol-

low a particular piece of yarn through

the house, untangling it from all the others, to find their big sisters. Frequently, the balls of yarn have been passed down through pledge families and have begun to unravel.

Once they find their big sisters the new members are given a family kite, usually a small, quilted wall decoration, which has also been passed down, sometimes for decades. Alpha Mu Katee Barber says, "My kite is really faded and old looking, but it's neat because it's been in my pledge family since the '70s."

On initiation day, many new initiates receive family lavalieres, kite pendants or crest rings, while other families pass on lavalier candles or sweatshirts with letters. One pledge family passes down a gold bracelet with kite shaped links. It is presented to the new initiate on her initiation day, with her initials and initiation year on one of the kites. "It's really special to our family," explains Melinda Bond. "I've never seen another like it. It was started in 1988 when my pledge great-great-great-grandma gave it to her pledge daughter. Because of the new membership program, my little sister and I were initiated in the same year—I in the spring and she in the fall—and so our links have the same year. I think that's really unique because this is the only year that will ever happen."

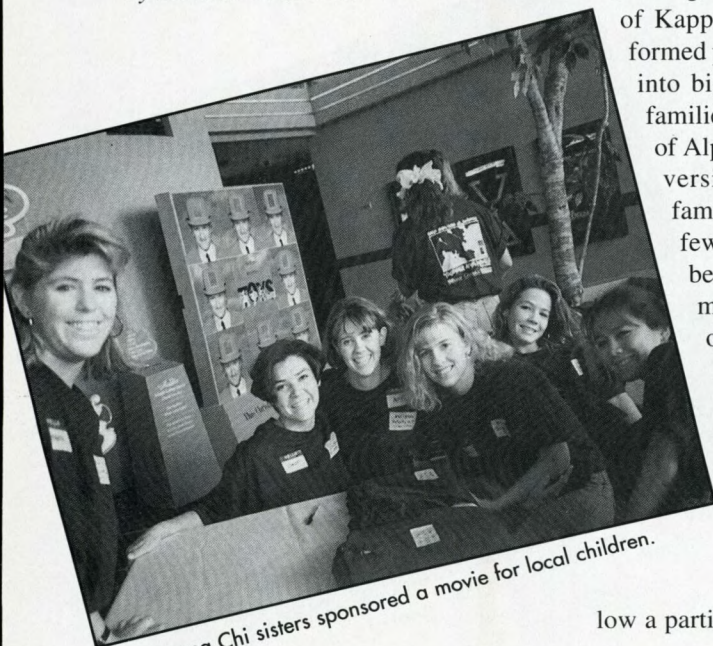
Pledge families remain an important way of passing on Theta tradition and sisterhood at Alpha Mu Chapter.

by Storme Micklas

## Zeta Eta/Wofford

Zeta Eta Chapter was founded in 1988 by eight women who felt the other Panhellenic groups on the Wofford campus did not offer the closeness they sought. As a young, small chapter, we have had to work extra hard, bringing us even closer together. While we have now reached chapter total, we remain very conscious of our roots, and sisterhood remains our top priority.

Beautifully ironic, our sisterhood is bound by our deep belief in nonconformity and individuality. The positive attitude and open-mindedness of the chapter as a whole is reflected in the unconditional acceptance of each sister. On campus, our diversity of abilities and talents—as well as our high ideals in standards, scholarship and service—have earned our chapter the respect of



Gamma Chi sisters sponsored a movie for local children.



—have earned our chapter the respect of the faculty, the administration and other Greek organizations. Within the chapter, the unique personality of each sister touches every other sister, whether at an official Theta function or, more likely, during a late-night study break, a long walk, or a heart-to-heart chat.

Recognizing that each of us has something valuable to offer each of our sisters, we grow by sharing our uniqueness. Thus, each sister gives her personal signature to the sisterhood of Zeta Eta, which in turn leaves its mark on each of us.

## **Beta Zeta/ Oklahoma State**

Members of the Oklahoma State chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta have been working hard to excel as leaders within the chapter, on campus and nationally. This year, chapter cooperation, unity and a sense of shared goals were evident with the graduation of an outstanding senior class.

The 1990 pledge class, consisting of 30 members, took Oklahoma State by storm to capture many of its highest honors. Many Beta Zeta seniors were named in the top ten of their respective colleges: Dana Peacher, Deb Emerson and Aimee Crawford, college of arts and sciences; Lori Leming, Jennie Morris Wade and Gina Lynne Smith, college of business Administration; Shannon Erwin, college of human environmental sciences; and Patty Dighton, college of engineering and technology. In addition Aimee Crawford was chosen as outstanding female arts and sciences graduate and Gina Lynne Smith was selected as outstanding student for the college of business.

Beta Zeta members Dighton, Wade and Smith were three of the five OSU Outstanding Female Graduates and former Miss Oklahoma Gina Lynne Smith was named OSU Outstanding Female Graduate. Two of the five finalists for Outstanding Greek Woman were Beta Zeta members: Deb Emerson and Dana Peacher; and, Lori Leming was named OSU Outstanding Greek Sports Woman.

The 1993 graduates finished their college careers with flying colors while setting an example for their Beta Zeta sisters to follow.



## **Alpha Eta/ Vanderbilt**

Sisterhood implies family, and a sense of togetherness comes with that. The Alpha Etas work like a true family. Our theme for 1992-1993 was "Give a little." With this phrase repeated throughout the year, success seemed to be the only outcome in every area of work, from philanthropy to rush.

For example, this year's annual fund-raising barbecue made possible a substantial contribution to CASA in the Nashville area. The sisters all cooperated in working one-hour shifts, organizing the band, decorating the front yard in Western style and providing great, home-style food. This event provides a super opportunity for the members to mingle with rushees, while also sharing a part of Theta with other Greeks on campus.

Another aspect of our "Give a little" theme had to do with a sense of adventure, whether it was experimenting with a new idea for alumnae interaction or getting away for the weekend to hike in the beautiful wilderness of Tennessee. Last year a group of Alpha Eta members organized a white water rafting trip. The memories from that trip will outlast any of the traditional football games. Also last year, some brave new members went sky diving together, which proved to be a thrilling experience as well.

Family comes first, and Alpha Eta



*Alpha Eta collegians from Vanderbilt University enjoy the closeness of sisterhood, whether at the chapter's annual Western Barbecue, or hiking in the Tennessee wilderness.*

members  
put their sisters  
at the top of their list,  
thus increasing the love and  
friendship in the chapter.

## **Gamma Mu/Maryland**

Strong sisterhood is what makes Gamma Mu Chapter so special. Everyday, little exchanges of thanks, praise, how are yous and good lucks, foster an unconditional feeling of friendship among Thetas.

On the University of Maryland campus, the loyalty, closeness and friendship among Thetas is noted. These qualities are the strength of the chapter.

Every day, sisters exemplify the closeness they share. Whenever someone needs help at a fund raiser or event, or just needs a favor, sisters are ready to lend a helping hand.



For example, our chapter consultant needed a ride from the airport on Easter Sunday. Despite the inconvenient timing, member Holly Backus, a journalism major, volunteered to pick her up. And during Theta's Easter Egg Hunt, Gamma Mu Kristi Adkins volunteered to wear a very uncomfortable bunny costume for hours. Little things like that make Gamma Mu's sisterhood strong, but in addition, the chapter has a Sunshine Club to help Thetas who are in need.

It is the everyday gestures of support that have helped build a close and solid sisterhood among the members of Gamma Mu Chapter.

by Kimberly Hynes

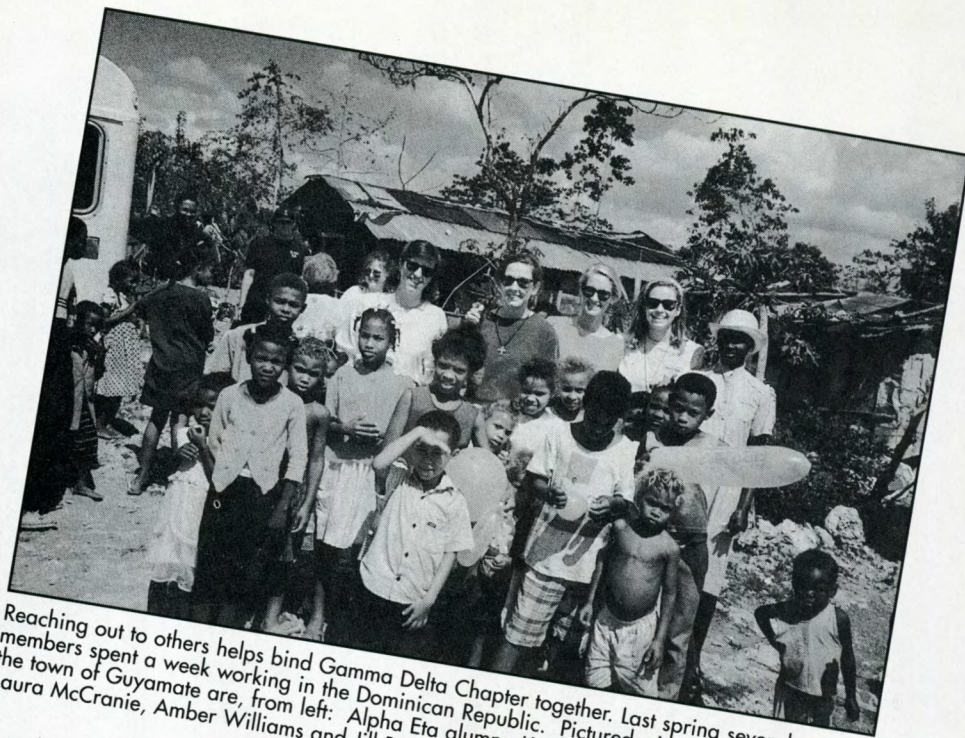
## Zeta Nu/ California-Davis

When new initiate Lynn Chao explained why she joined Kappa Alpha Theta she responded, "Theta is the most diverse chapter on the UC-Davis campus. No one can label us or pin a stereotype on us." That's what makes Zeta Nu so special.

In just over one year, Zeta Nu has already reached heights above and beyond initial expectations. Our diversity helped attract 25 new members, filling quota in our first formal fall rush. Winter quarter proved to be no less eventful. Zeta Nu was the recipient of the 1992-1993 Davis Collegiate Panhellenic Association Philanthropy Award for an outstanding year of community service. Next on our agenda was the acquisition of a chapter facility. With the help of local alumnae, we applied (along with several other campus organizations) for a house, which we were granted enthusiastically. We then turned our efforts toward spring rush, focusing on increasing our strength through diversity, and initiated 12 new members.

With a firm foundation in place, Zeta Nu is looking forward to continued growth. Preparations are being made to move us into our new house, making it our home just in time for next year's formal rush. We could not have achieved our aspirations without the talents and hard work of each individual member of Zeta Nu working as a team.

by Jessica Ball and Jennifer Alexander



Reaching out to others helps bind Gamma Delta Chapter together. Last spring several members spent a week working in the Dominican Republic. Pictured with the children of the town of Guyamate are, from left: Alpha Eta alumna Kathryn Bumstead and collegians Laura McCranie, Amber Williams and Jill Braden.

## Gamma Delta/ Georgia

For the members of Gamma Delta Chapter, Theta sisterhood has a multitude of meanings. It symbolizes wonderful friendships, a built-in support system and values that will stay with us as we go on.

Although we take great pleasure in enhancing the lives of our members, it is rewarding to contribute our time and resources to the community. Giving to others what Theta has given to us is an essential aspect of our chapter and one that binds all of our members together. The actions of several Gamma Delta sisters are testimony to our chapter's dedication to serving others.

For Gamma Delta members Amber Williams, Laura McCranie and Jill Braden, spring break was not the typical non-stop party usually associated with the week between winter and spring quarters. These women spent seven days in the town of Guyamate in the Dominican Republic, working in the intense heat to help build additions to a church. Through the Ministries in Action outreach program, the Gamma Delta collegians and six other Americans helped expand the church, entertained the children with games of volleyball and frisbee and donated clothes to the people who were in desperate need. "I didn't feel like I was missing out on spring break, but instead that I was doing my part to benefit people who needed our help," says Amber Williams, a sophomore from Atlanta.

## Epsilon Psi/ Richmond

Individualism is defined as the "assertion of one's uniqueness," and it is the celebration of this quality that is both the greatest bond and inspiration for the sisters of Epsilon Psi Chapter.

This devotion to individualism within a sisterhood dedicated to the ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta resulted in the introduction of a new tradition in Spring 1991. Carol Gibson, a sophomore at the time, proposed the idea of presenting Kappa, Alpha and Theta awards to sisters who, through their actions or contributions, best embodied the ideals of the Fraternity. The winners are chosen each year without nomination, through a secret-ballot voting process in which the entire chapter participates. The recipients are presented with the awards—engraved Jefferson cups designed by our third president -- at the spring awards banquet.

This tradition, while only three years old, has become a treasured part of our chapter. It honors the contributions of individuals to the Fraternity as a whole, as well as our dedication to the idea of achieving Theta's ideals through those unique contributions.

by Kathy Brunt





Gamma Phi/Texas Tech Thetas are linked heart to heart as well as by smiles, friendly conversation and helping hands.

## **Alpha Omicron/ Oklahoma**

"Everyone come support your Theta sisters and help sing in Sooner Scandals." This message was posted on our bulletin board, asking for help in the University of Oklahoma's annual sing and dance competition. The Sooner Scandals participants needed extra singers for the show. At the last minute, several showed up on stage to help support their Theta sisters and lead us to victory. We not only won first place, but also won best female chorus.

This kind of loyalty is what binds Alpha Omicron Chapter. A Theta sister is always there for her other sisters. Whenever anyone needs help with a project, or a shoulder to cry on, or just an ear to listen, she turns to the nearest sister. The love of God and undying friendships inspire us to work at our priorities: doing our best scholastically, serving our community and working to improve our chapter. It's a good feeling to know you can depend on your Theta sisters, not only now, but for a lifetime.

## **Alpha Rho/ South Dakota**

Sisterhood is felt in the pride with which Alpha Rho Chapter members uphold one of the ideals upon which our Fraternity was founded: academic excellence.

For the Fall 1992 semester, Alpha Rho had the highest grade point average of all five sororities on the University of South Dakota Campus. This grade point average met our chapter goal of 3.25, which was set at the beginning of the semester. At our scholarship banquet, we recognized 15 members who had achieved a 4.0 grade point average (including three new members), as well as 20 members who earned averages between 3.5 and 3.99.

Alpha Rho's scholastic success is due to the strong academic program incorporated into our chapter. It includes encouraging members to participate in study tables, observing quiet hours to create an atmosphere conducive to studying, acknowledging those who have difficult test weeks, recognizing high scholarship and those who study the most hours each week, and occasionally "study munchies."

## **Gamma Phi/ Texas Tech**

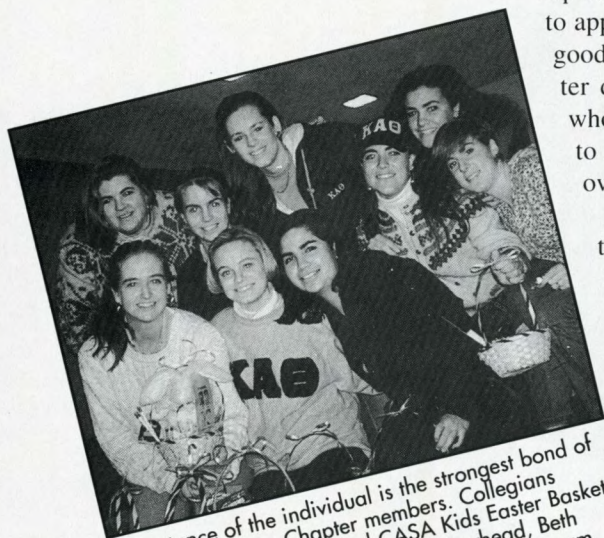
The Texas Tech Thetas are a group that defines the meaning of sisterhood: a relationship among women whose ties will never be separated.

Smiling faces, friendly conversation and helping hands are the visible links of the sisters of Gamma Phi Chapter during rush, when one of our strongest bonds is formed. Although some people might not be able to handle being with a person nearly all the time for two weeks, Gamma Phi members use this time to come together and help each other in selecting the next generation of sisters. The enthusiasm we have for each other is felt by the rushees and continues throughout the year.

Thetas are also linked in a way that is not visible, by their hearts. Thetas take care of Thetas, not because it is written down, but because they are true sisters. Last summer my grandmother, who meant a great deal to me, passed away. I was very upset and nothing could make me smile. Soon after, I received a card in the mail with a pansy pictured on the front. It was from Cher, a pledge sister who had heard about my loss. I smiled for the rest of the day. I still have that card displayed in my room and every time I see it I think of how lucky I am to have sisters like her.

*by Wendy Davis*





Acceptance of the individual is the strongest bond of Gamma deuteran Chapter members. Collegians gather for their first Annual CASA Kids Easter Basket Drive, clockwise from left: Allison Lawhead, Beth Halliday, Dana Devoe, Abbey Klode, Holly Karam, Kristen Wiedemer, Jill Sutherland, Marcie Wademan, Missy Pickett.

## ***Gamma deuteran/ Ohio Wesleyan***

Gamma deuteran's strongest link between sisters is the pride in our diversity. At the Ohio Wesleyan Theta chapter house, we do not concentrate on how

much the same we are, but instead celebrate how unique each member is. We capitalize on our differences and learn to appreciate all the women for their good qualities and talents. The chapter does not make anyone change who they are. Instead sisters strive to make themselves better in their own ways.

The result of this attitude is astounding. Sorority stereotypes have no place at Gamma deuteran. On campus, others ask, "Are you a Theta?" because there is no conventional description of our members. We learn about people different from ourselves and discover the beauty of unconditional love of friends.

We do, however, share more than our Theta secrets. We band together for Greek events and generate as much spirit as the rest of the chapters combined! This spring, for example, Thetas pulled together to win Sigma Chi Derby Days, Chi Phi Bed Races and place a close second in Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash. We are proud of our unique chapter and hope that other Thetas are finding the same wonderful acceptance in their respective chapters.

## ***Beta Iota/Colorado***

One of the most vivid memories I have of living in the Theta chapter house is the image of me hopping frantically out of my room into the hall, pulling up pantyhose, makeup half done, hair in rollers, yelling, "Does anyone have a black blazer?," only to get 32 replies and 17 blazers tossed at me. Now, I didn't go through rush so I could have seventy-some closets to choose from, but...

Sisterhood is renting movies, grabbing yogurt, making hot cocoa at 3 a.m. and discovering four other girls had the same idea. It's making up lip syncs and dances, "borrowing" fraternity composites, sharing your panic before the first rush group goes through and collapsing after the last.

Sisterhood is eating dinner with 140 of your closest friends. It's laughing together and crying together. It's warm hugs, carefully kept secrets, deep trust and a safe place. It's a colorful kaleidoscope of smiles and stories, a patchwork quilt made of the most beautiful material from all over the country.

Theta is a diverse group of women bonded by Theta's golden thread in the tapestry of life. It is strength in times of weakness, a guide through your darkest moments. It is grace and perseverance, and it is for a lifetime.

*by Jenna Hall*

# Alumnae At Large

The Alumnae Committee recognizes the importance of keeping alumnae who are geographically apart from a club or chapter apprised of Theta interaction. For this reason, Theta's program for alumnae-at-large has been developed. The Theta Talk newsletter is issued two times each year, with information about Theta sisters who are living throughout the world. Membership is \$5.00 per year, payable by check to Kappa Alpha Theta. Please fill in the accompanying registration form.

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Margaret Colcord Estep, Alpha Omega/Pittsburgh, was honored as a 75-year Theta last January at the Pittsburgh Alumnae's Founders Day Celebration. She is known as a "bright and funny lady who...is a joy to be with."

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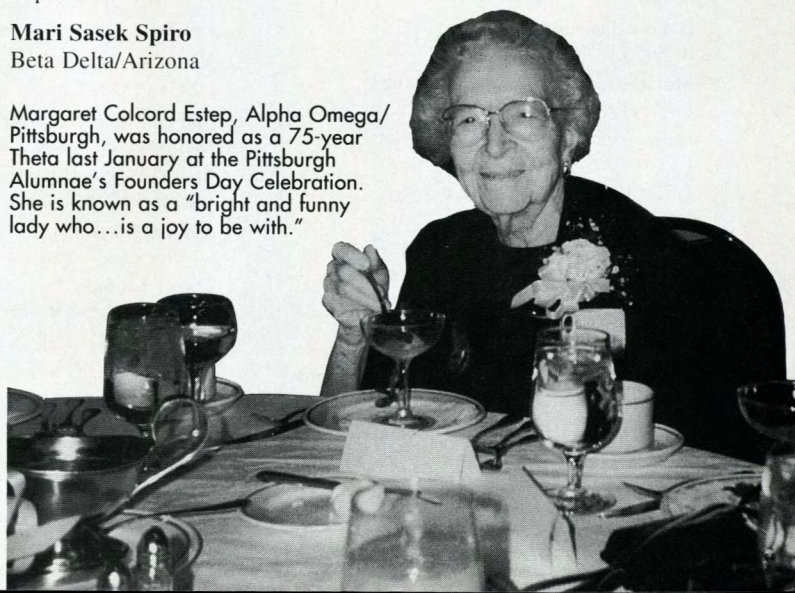
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## “Theta Quality” Inspires Gift

Theta has been a part of Arthur Dial’s life for as long as he can remember. “I come from a whole darn family of Thetas,” he laughs. But he is serious when he says the best part of Theta was his wife Wilhelmina Haverstick Dial, Beta/Indiana, whose memory he has honored with a bequest to the Foundation to establish an educational trust fund scholarship.

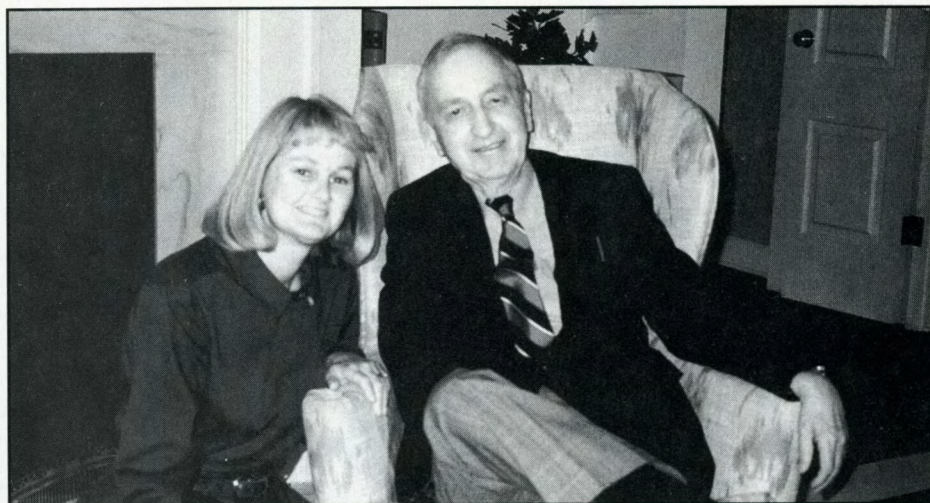
“Willa possessed in the extreme a quality I have come to think of as Theta quality,” says Dial. “I was fortunate enough to have known her so well for so many years.”

When he was introduced to Willa, Dial says he knew from the start that it would work out because she was a Theta. He explains that his fondness for Theta was “just natural,” because so many family and friends were members, including his older step-sister Mildred Showers, whom he adored. “Theta was the first Greek-letter organization I ever knew. When I was about five years old my mother used the Theta whistle to call me back home.”

Dial met Willa the same year she began working as an account executive for the Indianapolis brokerage office of Thomson and McKinnon. Dial says that Willa, a “feminine feminist,” took to investments “like a fish to water.” He says, “She could remember the entire (stock exchange) board at the close at 2 p.m. She was very bright and capable.”

Arthur and Willa were married in 1961, four years before she retired. “She knew when to retire. I didn’t,” Dial jokes, noting that after his initial retirement, he returned for another 16 years in sales before finally retiring in 1989.

Dial’s career in sales began during his college years at Indiana University, which he attended after a year at Virginia Military Institute, and where he was initiated as a member of Delta Tau Delta in 1926. He interrupted his studies to spend a year working for Balfour jewelry, but the tuberculosis scare and the war (in



**Arthur Dial joins Director of Development Nancy Frick at Theta Headquarters in Indianapolis. Dial made a bequest to the Foundation to establish a scholarship in the name of his wife, Willa Dial, an accomplished Beta/Indiana alumna who died in May 1993.**

which he served) kept him away longer than he’d planned. He graduated from IU in 1939 and, after receiving his master’s in English from UCLA, taught English in California, “I loved both teaching and selling,” Dial says. “Both involved working with young people.” In 1951, Dial returned to Balfour where he worked in Greek jewelry and commercial sales until 1973.

Dial is still selling these days, but now it’s his own water color paintings. He also enjoys reminiscing about college years and admits that he is “full of Greek lore.” He says, “I still believe in fraternities and sororities and have special sentiment for Theta. I have high regard for the organization. And Willa was a good Theta. Having no direct heirs it was my thought that my small contribution would be appropriate under the circumstances. I’m sure she would approve.”

*Arthur Dial is now a member of Theta’s Betty Baur Lambert Society, which was established in 1992 by the Board of Trustees to honor Thetas, family and friends who have made planned gifts to the Foundation to benefit Kappa Alpha Theta.*

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**Willa Dial worked as an investments expert in the 1950s and ‘60s.**





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**June 25 - October 5, 1993**

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## DONOR FILE

**Name:** Barbara Knouse Mangels

**Chapter/School:** Initiated Alpha Gamma/Ohio State in 1960

**Education:** Certificate of dental hygiene

**Home:** Lexington, Kentucky

**Family:** Husband, Louis A. "Bud" Mangels; son,  
Kirk; daughter, Julie

**Career:** Retired dental hygienist

**Theta Alumnae Involvement:** Until recent move to  
Lexington was very active in the Akron, Ohio  
Alumnae Club, in which over the years she held  
all club offices; former permanent alumnae secretary for Alpha  
Gamma Chapter

**Foundation:** Member of Betty Baur Lambert Society, honoring  
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When Barbara and Bud Mangels look back over the years, they count among  
their most valued experiences Barb's membership in Kappa Alpha Theta and  
Bud's Phi Gamma Delta membership. They say that helping perpetuate those  
kind of opportunities prompted them to make a planned gift of life insurance  
to the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation. "We want to make that experience  
possible for someone else," says Barbara. "To help ensure that Alpha Gamma  
Chapter and Theta will still be there for others."

The Mangels recently moved to Lexington, where, in his position as execu-  
tive director of the Phi Gamma Delta Educational Foundation, Bud sees the  
benefits of planned giving on a daily basis: "A planned gift of life insurance  
enables us to make a far more generous contribution than we could by other  
means." He and Barbara — who still counts her Alpha Gamma sisters as  
"some of my best friends in all the world" — think it's a great way to give to  
an institution in which they both believe!







## Foundation Facts For You

### What is the Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation?

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation was established in 1960 to "further the philanthropic aims of Kappa Alpha Theta." In 1964, Theta's Loan and Fellowship Committee was made a part of the Foundation and, with that \$100,000 fund, began the Foundation's scholarship program. The Foundation, which is a 501(c)3 organization, provides an avenue for Thetas, family and friends to make tax deductible gifts to the Fraternity.

### How does the Foundation benefit Kappa Alpha Theta?

Each year the Foundation provides the Fraternity with a grant to fund educational programs. In 1992-93, the Fraternity received \$225,000, which supported our alcohol abuse education program "Talking About Alcohol," our chapter consultant program, and sent one collegian from each college chapter to LeaderShape Institute last summer for a week of intensive leadership development training. In addition, more than \$188,000 in scholarships was awarded to deserving undergraduate and graduate Thetas, helping them reach their educational goals.

### What is Kappa Alpha Theta's philanthropy?

In 1989, Theta adopted the National CASA Association as its philanthropy. The CASA program provides trained volunteers to represent abused and neglected children in the juvenile justice system. The Foundation completed a two-year \$100,000 grant to the National CASA Association in 1992-93, which supported their toll free information telephone line, start-up grants to new CASA programs, educational and promotional materials for volunteers and the Kappa Alpha Theta Program Director of the Year Award. In addition to the grant that the Foundation provides, Theta alumnae and college chapters/clubs support local CASA organizations through financial and volunteer contributions.

### Who are the leaders of the Foundation?

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation Board of Trustees are volunteers who lovingly donate their time, talents and resources to Theta. They are selected by a nominating committee and elected biennially by the members of the Foundation, who are Grand Council and the Board. The Foundation is administered by the Kappa Alpha Theta executive director,

director of development and the development staff at Headquarters in Indianapolis.

### How can Thetas and friends support the Foundation?

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- Endowment or Educational Trust Fund gifts
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- Gifts of Securities and Assets
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- Life Income Trusts

For more information about contributing to Kappa Alpha Theta, please contact the development staff at 1-800-526-1870.

### Does my contribution make a difference?

Absolutely! Kappa Alpha Theta depends upon the loyal support of members and friends to offer the Theta experience to young women — the leaders of tomorrow. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. **YOU** can have a dramatic impact on the future of our Fraternity!

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PROFILE

# TOUCHING HEARTS

*WITH HANDS THAT SHAPE*

Santa Fe sculptor Glenna Goodacre, Beta Omega/Colorado College, designed the sculpture for the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C., which was dedicated November 11, 1993.

**G**LENN A GOODACRE has achieved prominence in the art world with her internationally acclaimed sculptures, including the recently dedicated Vietnam Women's Memorial.



But forget the image of tortured, temperamental artist, working in seclusion.

The outgoing Beta Omega alumna and three full-time employees work in her Santa Fe studio/office from nine to five, with an hour break for lunch, and Goodacre doesn't work in the evenings. She likes being with people and meeting with collectors. She works fast, trusts her instincts. And she prefers realism to abstract work, some of which she has jokingly referred to as looking like "a pile of red noodles."

Goodacre likes the real thing: as in down to earth, tell it like it is, don't pull any punches reality. And that is the hallmark of the lifelike, but larger-than-life, sculptures for which she is known and respected.

Goodacre's 40-year artistic career reached a high point with the November 11 dedication of her sculpture for the Vietnam Women's Memorial. The seven-foot tall, four-figure bronze statue has generated a great deal of publicity and has been extremely well received. "I've never done a piece that was so revered," says Goodacre. "I don't know what I can do to match this."

The design by Goodacre was chosen in 1991 by the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project (VWMP), a group that has worked since 1984 for the completion of a monument to honor the women who served in Vietnam. In a letter to VWMP founder Diane Evans, J. Carter Brown, former director of the National Gallery and chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts, wrote that the sculpture in the round, depicting three Vietnam-era women and a wounded soldier, "brings to life the urgency and pathos of the field, as well as the searing introspection that continues long, long after."

The four interconnected figures have also produced a tremendous emotional response from the veterans who have seen it. Says Goodacre, "One woman says she knows that she (the kneeling figure) has a tear on her cheek."

That the memorial figure has created such a heart-felt response comes as no surprise to fans of Goodacre. Her bronzes are inspired by real people: from care-free school children to the figure of a contemplative American Indian; from a

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**"That my hands can shape the clay which might touch the hearts and heal the wounds of those who served, fills me with awe and deep satisfaction. I can only hope that future generations who view the sculpture will stand in tribute to these women who served during the Vietnam era."**

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—Glenna Goodacre

posthumous portrait of General Henry H. "Hap" Arnold to a bronze monument of three noted Texas writers.

What has come to be recognized as a "Goodacre piece" has little to do with a particular style or genre and almost everything to do with expressing character and emotion. Says Goodacre, "Perhaps it is the attention I place on the eyes, the expression on faces and different movements. When you look at people you look them in the eye."

Goodacre does not seem to have trouble looking people in the eye, literally or figuratively. She still considers herself a good ol' girl from Texas. However, true to form, Goodacre notes that it was not she, but a writer, who actually described her in that manner. "I was born in Lubbock Texas and raised in a conservative part of the country. I still recognize my roots," explains Goodacre.

The daughter of a father who worked as a builder and a mother whom she describes as "a very fine decorator," Goodacre grew up surrounded by art. Her parents recognized and encouraged her young talent and enthusiasm for drawing and painting. With "good training from the early years" she was well-focused on art as she headed off to Colorado College. Memories of those years include lasting friendships with her Beta Omega sisters and—what else—building floats. "Working with chicken wire and crepe paper probably influenced me a lot!" she laughs.

Although it was an intensely abstract era, Goodacre says that even in those days her focus was on realism. "I had to do it

(abstract work) to get my grades, but in truth I always liked to do realism and figurative work. At one point I was going to be a medical illustrator because at Colorado College I enjoyed my zoology, anatomy and physiology classes so much."

But after receiving her bachelor's degree in art in 1961, instead of going on to graduate school, Goodacre married and moved back to Lubbock. She became a "housewife/artist," whose drawings and paintings frequently featured her two young children. Her work, which included many portrait commissions, had begun receiving recognition when, in 1969, Forrest Fenn, then owner of a small foundry, encouraged her to try sculpting. Goodacre, whose only previous sculpting experience was "one bad course at Colorado College" fondly recalls her first effort. "My first sculpture was of my daughter Jill when she was six—a tiny little ballerina."

In the next 15 years, Goodacre progressed from sculpting six-inch figures of children to life-sized portrait busts. In the process she moved from Lubbock to Boulder, to Santa Fe, and began exhibiting her work and receiving numerous accolades. Goodacre says that recognition was significant to her because it meant she was accepted by her peers, and also because, "It was a kick in the butt to work harder."

Sculpting figures that are at least one quarter larger than real life is hard work, not only creatively but physically. The exaggerated proportions are important because, says Goodacre, "When a single figure is placed outside, the space around it will diminish it. If you don't go larger than life, it will appear to shrink." But, she adds, "It's physically difficult to get that much clay on."

Before the clay does go on, Goodacre builds an armature, which she describes as "like a skeleton made of metal to support the clay." Once the clay is perfected, a wax mold is made before the sculpture is cast in bronze.

Goodacre, who works with five foundries, is known for taking risks with the technical side of sculpting. For example, one of her most popular pieces called "The Puddle Jumpers," features a line of



children running and jumping, with several of them suspended mid-air. "The risk is that about a ton of bronze is supported on the points of three little feet," explains Goodacre.

A maquette, a small model of the design, which is also cast, must be created before the sculpture is begun. Although Goodacre may do a maquette from her imagination, when she is perfecting and enlarging the piece, she uses live models. "I love interesting faces," says Goodacre, who finds herself always looking at people, searching for just the right features and finding them in sometimes unexpected places. "I needed a black woman for the standing woman (in the Vietnam Women's Memorial), and I found her in a shoe store in downtown Santa Fe. She made a great model."

It was a friend of her assistant whose features were right for the sculpture's kneeling figure which has special significance to many who view it. Ironically, it is the only element to be changed from the sculpture's original concept.

"You have to believe a little in fate, because she had originally been standing, holding a wounded Vietnamese child, and I changed her to a kneeling figure," explains Goodacre. "For a lot of people she has become what they call 'the heart and soul' of the piece, because she's so depressed, suffering the anguish of the war and staring at an empty helmet."

The alteration in the figure was made within an approval process that Goodacre says goes with the territory when public works and committees are involved. Although she accepts it, Goodacre also has been known to draw the line. "It (the approval process) doesn't have to be bad. But there was a committee in Washington that tried to change her (the kneeling figure) by raising her head, straightening her back and having her look up. I refused to do it because that negated everything that I was trying to say."

Controversy also invariably accompanies public commissions, and Goodacre has had her share through the years. But, not surprisingly for a woman who enjoys reading her reviews and defending them, she says, "I generally turn it around for the good."

Her 1991 sculpture, "Pledge of Alle-

giance"—which was introduced, coincidentally during the U.S. involvement in the Middle East—was referred to as an "alarming propagandist depiction of social control," in a letter to the editor. Goodacre also came under fire when it was charged that one of the nine figures in her 1990 piece "Sidewalk Society" reinforced cultural stereotypes of Hispanic Americans. She says, "They stopped the process and we had meetings. But it all came out for the good. The point was, when I was installing it, instead of people saying 'Ho hum, another piece of public art,' they had a definite opinion, no apathy. People became more interested because of the publicity it had received. So we'll see what happens on the Vietnam piece."

The memorial was a sort of revelation for Goodacre, who says that prior to her 1991 bronze of Vietnam-era Air Force pilot Karl Richter, she didn't know one name on the Vietnam wall memorial. After she was asked by several women veterans to submit drawings for the women's memorial national design contest, Goodacre studied books and videos that were sent to her. "I got an idea of the trauma they went through. I got into the mind set of the Vietnam War, which is terribly depressing, but I still had to come up with a pleasing composition. That is the most important thing, because when



The memorial's kneeling figure has become the "heart and soul" of the piece for many veterans.

all our great-grandchildren are dead and gone, it's still going to be there."

Her work on the memorial was also part of an attitude shift, about which Goodacre is straightforward. Although a few years ago, she was quoted as saying she wasn't "big on social messages," she readily admits that is no longer true. "It's been heartwarming to do a social message like that of the Vietnam Women's Memorial that so many people care about."

The dedication of the memorial was part of a demanding schedule of public appearances Goodacre made last fall, including speeches at several sites of the memorial's whistle stop tour and the dedication of the Hap Arnold sculpture at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Also during this time she was honored at a ceremony by the Knickerbocker Artists of New York -- a society dedicated to promoting the exceptional work of living artists -- as the recipient of its 1993 Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement in American Art.

Although she enjoys this public facet of her career, Goodacre admits that it keeps her from what she likes best: "The work. Building the piece. The actual, physical laying on of clay I enjoy more than anything."

And so, she's back to work, juggling various projects, her head "full of new pieces for '94." Goodacre has two more commissions to complete and is working toward a large, one-woman show at the Fenn Gallery in Santa Fe in the fall of 1994. After coincidentally receiving four combat-related commissions in a row, she says she is eager to finish her "military period," and is, "looking forward to doing some lighter, happier things, like children running and jumping, or nudes. No clothes, instead of uniforms."

In addition, Goodacre is in the process of building a new house and anticipating some time to herself, which she calls, "just sitting and looking at the wall." But she also looks forward to visits with her grown children -- son Tim, a Colorado real estate broker, and daughter Jill, a model -- about whom she speaks with pride. As you might expect from a woman who revels in the real things in life, she says, "They're my best work!"



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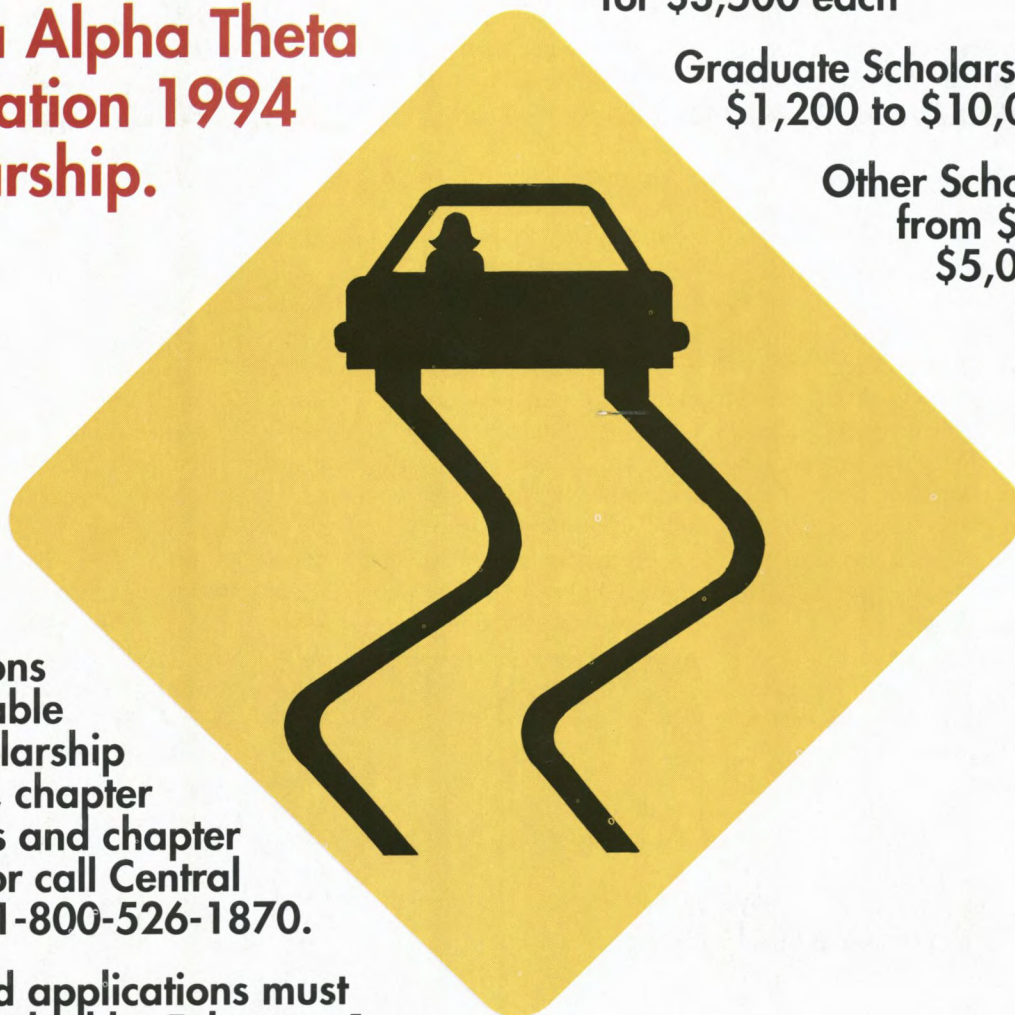
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